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HITLER'S ANSWER AWAITED To Limited Declaration Of War Mr. Cordell Hull On Developments

"CALMLY BUT GRIMLY THE NATIONAL CAPITAL WAITED TO-DAY FOR ADOLF HITLER'S ANSWER TO WHAT IS ALMOST UNIVERSALLY REGARDED HERE AS A LIMITED DECLARATION OF WAR," SAYS THE "NEW YORK SUN" IN A DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON. IT HEADS THE MESSAGE "UNITED STATES PUTS WAR UP TO HITLER."

The "New York Post" has a headline "Navy Fighting Nazi Piracy" over a Washington dispatch which says the "United States Navy is now engaged in a shooting war of the kind waged in the early days of the last century when it cleaned out the pirates from the Caribbean, and corsairs from the Barbary Coast."

The New York "PM" devotes its front page to a drawing of a large swastika marked with a rattlesnake, with its fangs dripped and posed to strike, framing the quotation of President Roosevelt, "when you see a rattlesnake poised to strike

The "New York Sun" says in a leading article that "not much is left to those who would like to see war avoided... save the wish but scarcely the hope that Germany may take pains to see that the threat need not be carried into execution."

The "New York Post" says, "We seek more than was offered last night. We ask for instant action to destroy the Nazi menace once and for all."

The "New York World Telegram" declares that Congress should speak soon on President Roosevelt's policy, as "he comes so close to shooting."

Up To Nazis

Germany's action will determine what areas the United States will consider "defensive

waters" in which U.S. warships will shoot first, the Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, indicated at his press conference in Washington yesterday.

Asked to define defensive waters, Mr. Hull replied it must be remembered that the U.S. confronted a world movement of force for the purpose of conquest of continents and seas.

He added: "The opposing forces will have something to say concerning areas of the sea which the United States may or may not find it necessary to defend in order to protect this hemisphere."

When asked if the United States would now send a formal note to Germany protesting against German attacks on American shipping, Mr. Hull referred questioners to President Roosevelt's speech.

Only Definition

President Roosevelt's press secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, told his press conference in Washington yesterday: "The plain English of the President's speech is the only definition that can be made of the defence zone in which U.S. warships will shoot first."

Mr. Early said that of 1,600 telegrams received at the White House after the speech all but 160 were favourable.

He said a radio survey indicated the speech had the second largest United States audience in history. It showed 67 per cent, or an estimated 60,000,000, heard the speech in the U.S.

President Roosevelt's Pan-American address in the early summer, when he declared an unlimited emergency, had 70 per cent, of listeners.

Mr. Early revealed President Roosevelt received members of the U.S. mission to Moscow yesterday and would later see the Soviet Ambassador, M. Oumansky, and some of the Russian aircraft mission who flew across the Pacific recently. — Reuter.

MARSHAL PETAIN ENTERTAINS

Marshal Petain entertained at lunch yesterday Admiral Esteva, Vichy Resident-General in Tunis, says a Reuter despatch.

BRITISH C.-IN-C. ON VISIT TO EAST INDIES

Air Chief-Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, British Commander-in-Chief, Far East, has arrived in the N.E.I. on a visit of several days duration.

During his stay he is making courtesy calls on the Governor-General and the Commander-in-Chief of the N.E.I. Army and Navy. — Reuter.

ANOTHER 'U.S. SHIP' SUNK

The State Department announced in Washington last night that the American-owned steamship "Montana," flying the Panamanian flag, has been torpedoed and sunk en route from the United States to Iceland.

All 26 members of the crew were saved. None of the crew was American.

The State Department said the "Montana" was formerly the Danish ship "Paula" before she was requisitioned by the Maritime Commission.

She sailed on August 29 from Wilmington, North Carolina, for Iceland with a cargo of lumber for the Iceland Government.

Seen From 'Plane

The crew of the "Montana," which consisted of 18 Danes, five Norwegians, one Greek, one Belgian and one Spaniard, took to the boats.

According to a Navy report the "Montana" was torpedoed at 8.45 a.m. (E.S.T.) on Thursday.

It is reported in Washington that the torpedoing was seen from an aeroplane, whose occupants are stated to have watched the crews take to the boats after the ship had been hit. — Reuter.

NAZI WOMAN SPY IN U.S. TRIAL

SPECIMEN TEXTS of secret messages in which Hamburg, the spy centre, allegedly gave instructions and asked about American production and military matters, were introduced as evidence in yesterday's hearing of the Brooklyn Spy Trial.

The messages were received by a Long Island "secret" station addressed to "Senold." One example was "deliver all material through Siegler to H. Duarte, Hotel Duos Maloes or Nacoes, Lisbon."

The password on meeting is "jesam greets Franz... don't borrow money for Lily. All should report military and technical information delivered to England."

Incidentally, one among the 17 accused who pleaded guilty was named Lily Stein.

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SHOOT FIRST ANYWHERE

Mr. Cordell Hull "spoke obscurely" and did so with obvious intent, says a Washington despatch commenting on the Secretary of State's statement on the "shoot first" order.

Nevertheless, it is added, his words were a plain warning to Berlin that attacks on shipping of any flag anywhere in the globe held possibilities of American retaliation.

IN EFFECT, THE DESPATCH ADDS, MR. CORDELL HULL'S STATEMENT "MADE ALL NAVIGABLE WATERS IN THE WORLD A POTENTIAL AMERICAN DEFENCE ZONE." — REUTER.

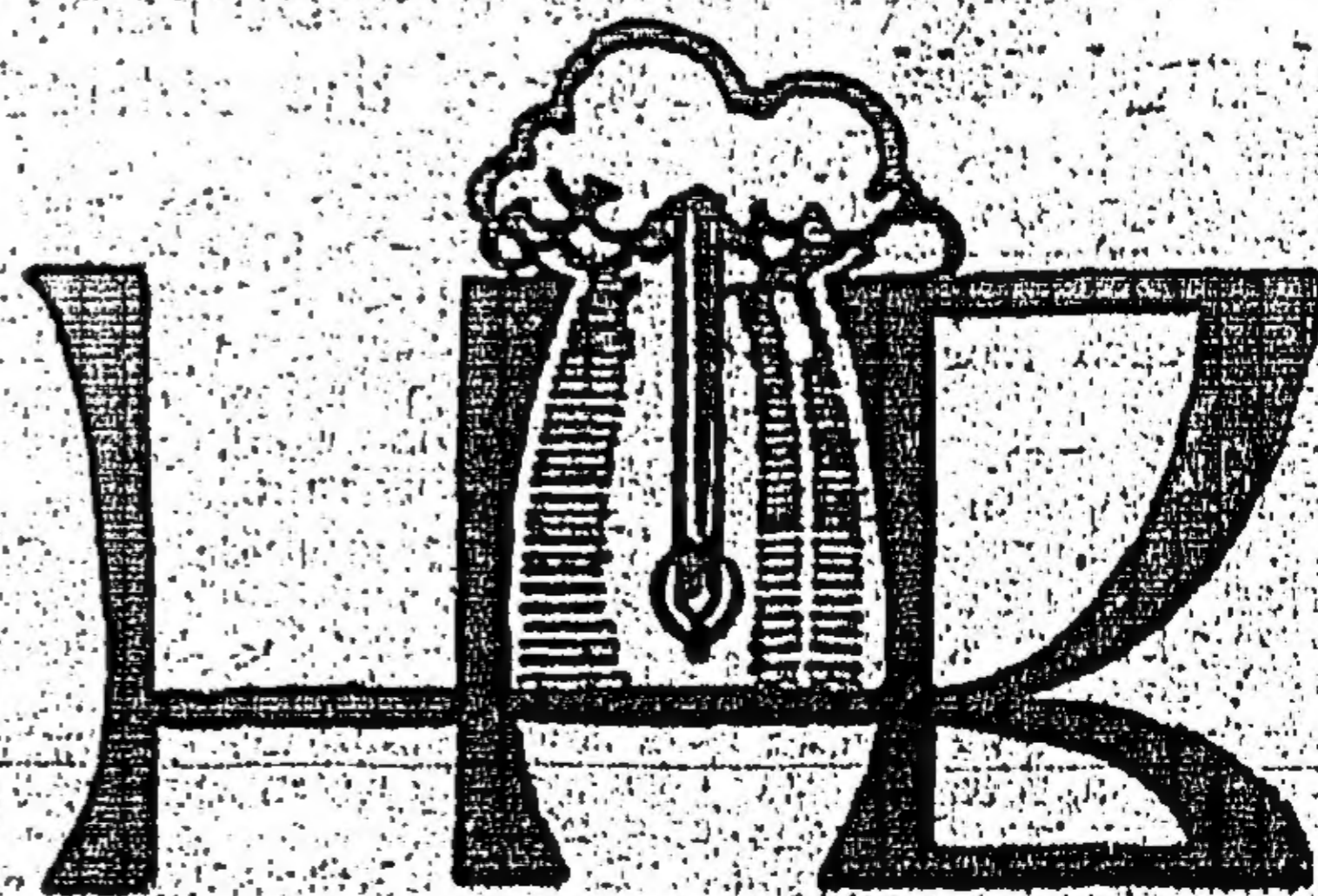
IMPORTANT TALKS IN SINGAPORE

Important discussions are taking place in Singapore this week-end between Dr. Henry Grady, President Roosevelt's special economic investigator in the Far East, and the British authorities.

Dr. Grady arrived in Malaya yesterday from the Philippines and the N.E.I. on a mission to study the possible coordination of production and supplies of raw materials of the Democratic powers in the Far East.

He is also investigating the possibilities of accumulating the production of certain raw materials for American needs. — Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B. —



— AND THEN TRY! —

CAMPAIGN ON SOVIET FRONT IN NEW PHASE

New German Drive Under Way?

(Military Commentary By "Annalist")

YESTERDAY ONCE AGAIN BOTH THE GERMAN AND SOVIET COMMUNIQUE WERE GUARDEDLY NON-COMMITTAL BUT BEHIND THIS RESERVE IT IS CLEAR THAT THE BATTLE FOR RUSSIA IS ENTERING ANOTHER HIGHLY IMPORTANT PHASE.

While the danger to Leningrad appears to be no worse, and the city's defences continue to present the Germans with a formidable obstacle, it would appear that the position of Marshal Budenny in the south still remains a potentially perilous one.

The Russians have admitted that the Germans have obtained a foothold east of the lower Dnieper and this may mean the Germans are beginning to drive towards the Perekop Isthmus, which joins the Crimea to the mainland.

In the central part of the front Marshal Timoshenko continues his counter-thrust but here it would seem that even success has its potential dangers, for should the Russian army proceed too far forward following Marshal Timoshenko's victory at Yelnya, his own lines of communication might become difficult of maintenance.

Adequate Match

With, however, the situation as obscure as it is at present, any prophesy is almost equally likely to err on the side of either optimism and pessimism. UP TO THE PRESENT THERE ARE NO GROUNDS FOR BELIEVING THAT THE BRILLIANT GENERALSHIP, COUPLED WITH THE HEROIC FIGHTING QUALITIES THE SOVIET ARMY HAS ALREADY DISPLAYED, ARE NOT PROVIDING AT LEAST AN ADEQUATE MATCH FOR THE NAZI STEAM-ROLLER TACTICS.—REUTER.

Soviet Communiqué

The Soviet midnight communiqué said: "Our troops fought the enemy on the entire front. We have evacuated Chernigov (on the central front, between Gomel and Kiev). Fifty-three German planes were destroyed on September 10. We lost 32." — Reuter.

Leningrad Raid

A supplement to the Soviet communiqué states: "On September 11 the German air force repeatedly attempted to raid Leningrad but were each time driven off."

"At about 11 p.m. isolated planes broke through to the city and dropped incendiary and explosive bombs. Fires that broke out in dwelling houses were extinguished."

"According to preliminary data, in the Leningrad approaches 11 German planes were brought down." — Reuter.

WATCHING NAZI TRICK

The Minister of Information said he was listening to broadcasts of any British prisoners liberated in Germany to find out if their freedom depended on "the astute adoption of propaganda methods."

RECORD GERMAN LOSSES

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent in Moscow)

"On the Leningrad approaches a battle of incredible fierceness is raging and the losses the Germans are now suffering are heavier than they have ever suffered," M. Lozovsky the Soviet spokesman, said yesterday.

"The struggle has taken on such proportions and such a character that the Germans cannot go on for long," he said.

"The Germans want to settle the matter quickly and that is precisely what they cannot manage. Not only the army and the Baltic Fleet, but the entire population of Leningrad are struggling—all capable men and women bearing arms."

M. Lozovsky added, stressing every word, "However hard the struggle, none of us here or in Leningrad has the slightest doubt that the Germans won't manage to lay their dirty hands on Leningrad."

"The whole people and the Government of the Soviet are convinced of this. It is a difficult and bloody struggle," the Russian spokesman said.—Reuter.

GIFTS FOR AIRCRAFT

Gifts towards the purchase of aircraft acknowledged by the Minister of Aircraft. Production include another contribution from the "South China Morning Post" War Fund to bring the total to £151,889.

The Burma War Donation Fund have sent a further £10,000 towards the cost of a Burma Squadron of medium bombers, total to date being £120,000.

With a further £37,500 from the Madras Governor's War Fund the people of Madras have now contributed £337,454. — British Wireless.

R.A.F. BOMB AXIS SHIPS IN IONIAN

TARGETS IN CYRENAICA, at Messina, and in the Ionian Sea were attacked by the Royal Air Force, according to the R.A.F. Middle East communiqué issued yesterday which states:—

"Heavy and medium R.A.F. bombers and aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm raided a number of objectives in Cyrenaica during Wednesday night. At Benghazi, the harbour was bombed, fires breaking out at the base of the cathedral mole."

"At Martuba the aerodrome was heavily raided, bombs falling among about fifty dispersed enemy aircraft, a number of which were either destroyed or severely damaged. Large fires followed the raid."

"Landing grounds at Gambut and Derna were also attacked. A large number of bombs were dropped on trains, ferries, landing stages and the ferry power house at Messina during Thursday night."

"Details of the damage caused could not be observed owing to smoke."

"Yesterday, medium R.A.F. bombers located two merchantmen and one destroyer in the Ionian Sea. The larger of the merchantmen was hit twice, and photographs taken by our aircraft show the ship left in a sinking condition."

"In Abyssinia yesterday R.A.F. bombers successfully attacked hangars at Azozo aerodrome."

"During Wednesday night an unidentified enemy aircraft dropped a small number of bombs near Acre, in Palestine. No damage or casualties ensued." — Reuter.

B.F.R.D.C. GRANTS

The Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China, Hong Kong and South China Branch, has approved the following grants, and cheques have been forwarded accordingly:—To the St. Louis Industrial School, as donation to the School for support of refugee children, \$2,500; To the Foreign Auxiliary to the National Red Cross Society, of China, for cost of fifty Singer sewing machine and transportation charges, for training refugee women in tailoring work in Kweilin, \$4,410.

GERMAN TANKS REPULSED AT BRIANSK

M. Lozovsky, the Soviet spokesman, revealed last night that when the Finnish radio claimed the Germans had reached Briansk, a German tank unit had in fact attempted to force that direction but many of its tanks were immediately destroyed and the German force was decisively repulsed.—Reuter.

Travel Permits Possible

THE POSSIBILITY OF THE INTRODUCTION OF A GENERAL SCHEME OF "TRAVEL PERMITS" WAS REFERRED TO IN THE COMMONS YESTERDAY BY THE PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTRY OF WAR TRANSPORT.

Col. Llewellyn was replying to the debate in which many references were made to difficulties workers were experiencing in obtaining public transport brought about by the reduction in vehicles available and their use by shoppers at hours when workers were coming off duty.

The Minister had announced that every effort was being made to increase the number of buses and he added "We are also trying out a scheme in the North Midland region of travel permits for workers. On the first day in which the scheme was in operation between Macclesfield and Nottingham hundreds of shoppers not having the necessary permits were left behind. On the second day the number was 80, on the third day 50, and by the fourth day shoppers had learned what was happening and there were none to be left behind. If the experiment proves successful it will be extended to other parts of the country." — British Wireless.

HEARTENING ACCOUNT

THE FRENCH OFFICERS AND MEN, TO THE NUMBER OF 192, WHO HAVE REACHED LONDON AFTER ESCAPING FROM GERMAN PRISON CAMPS VIA RUSSIA, ARE JOINING THE FREE FORCES IN BRITAIN.

One, Major Billotte—son of General Billotte, who was killed in Flanders last year while carrying despatches from General Weygand to Lord Gort—gave a very heartening account of Russian efficiency and morale as he saw it during a six weeks' stay in Moscow.

He stressed the unlimited reserves of men and women at Russia's disposal and the fact that resources of man and woman power are almost entirely militarised and disciplined and exceptionally good.

He expressed a strong opinion that even if Russia lost Leningrad, Smolensk, Kiev and Moscow she would still never give in.

Of great interest also was the statement Billotte cited of the editor of the French Communist newspaper "Ce Soir" to the effect that as recently as last May 98 per cent. of French civilians were definitely opposed to collaboration with Germany.—British Wireless.

WOULD GET A HOT RECEPTION IN THAI

"If the Japanese strike at Thailand, they are in for a hot reception," declare sick and injured A.I.F. men who have returned to Sydney from Malaya.

Malaya is a fortress, and the A.I.F. men standing to arms on the Thailand border are "itching to fight," they told the "Sydney Sun."

"Practically every day for the past two months boat-loads of men have been arriving," declared Private G. B. Anderson, of Broadmeadow (Newcastle). "There is a tremendous number of troops there now—Australian, British and Indian."

Relief From Boredom

"Our boys greeted the order to move up on to the Thailand border with delight for it came after months of inactivity. The weather up there is not too good—95 degrees in the day time and 90 at night—and our chaps were beginning to get bored."

"They are not bored now. Every one of them is 'rearing' to go! There were lots of minor illnesses due to the heat and the food, but the chaps have forgotten that now."

They want only one thing—to fight. That is what they went there for.

"Our boys think the world of the G.O.C. (Major-General Gordon Bennett) and they will be happy to go into battle with him at their head."

"Apart from the heat and the food, our chaps have had little to complain about. People up there work until 1 o'clock and then finish for the day. Australians have found it hard to keep going all day."

"The boys I left over there," said Private H. G. Shepherd, of Canberra, "will welcome a scrap. And there are plenty of troops there to handle the Japanese."

"Looking across from the place where I was stationed, you could see nothing but troops. The boys are just aching to get into it."

Missed Comforts

Private W. Keith (39), of Dubbo, who had his leg broken in an accident, said that numerous men in the ambulance unit to which he had been attached were complaining bitterly at the absence of comforts.

"I was in Malaya for five months," he added, "and I never once received a single parcel."

"Even parcels sent to us from our relatives seemed to have gone astray. The boys are loth to believe that this is due to deliberate tampering with the mail, and put it down to 'bad organisation'."

Pte. Keith said that the quantity and quality of the food at Malaya was excellent. Cigarettes were plentiful, although pipe tobacco was very hard to get at times.

The moral of the troops was excellent, he continued. Their equipment was 100 per cent., and they felt confident of handling any emergency.

Planes were constantly in the air and any move that might be made against Malaya would certainly not take the inhabitants by surprise.

FUEL ECONOMY INVESTIGATIONS

The Secretary for Mines announces he has set up a committee to advise on the many technical aspects of efficiency economy in industrial fuel consumption. The committee will work in conjunction with a staff of combustion engineers placed at the disposal of the Mines Department by the Coal Utilisation Joint Council.—British Wireless.

U.S. AID FOR REDS

Vladivostok And Persian Routes To Be Used

"NO TIME LIMIT" ON PROGRAMME

THE UNITED STATES Mission to Moscow would take up, soon, the question of furnishing American supplies not only needed by Russia in the immediate future, but also those required for "ultimate victory," declared Mr. Averell Harriman, head of the Mission, after conferring with President Roosevelt in Washington yesterday.

Mr. Harriman emphasised that the whole programme of Russian aid would be discussed with the British and Russians in Moscow with "no time limit" on the aid programme.

FREE FORCES BROADCAST

World-famous artists, who have been entertaining their countrymen—the Free Forces in Britain—are to broadcast to their less fortunate compatriots in the countries under German occupation.

The broadcast, arranged by E.N.S.A., will be transmitted to every country in the world.

Among artists who will sing in their own language will be Richard Tauber, and Julius Guttman, celebrated bass from the Prague Opera.

"It will be a broadcast by free artists in a free country to the oppressed peoples of the world," an E.N.S.A. official told the "Daily Mirror."

The broadcast at Drury Lane Theatre will be attended by diplomatic representatives of Poland, Norway, Free France, Holland, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Greece and Luxembourg.

GERMAN BISHOPS ON "LIMITS"

In a bitter protest, the first since the start of the war, the Roman Catholic Bishops of Greater Germany, appealed to their followers to hold fast to their faith at a time when the existence of Christianity in Germany was at stake, says Associated Press.

The reading of the Pastoral Letter in the pulpits had a startling effect on worshippers.

The letter recounted the efforts of soldiers and priests on the battlefields, and said that the Church had gladly shouldered the burdens and the sacrifices of the times.

But it concluded, such sacrifices had "limits," namely, when the question arose of compromising the Faith.

CHINESE ENVOY TO VICHY

Dr. Wei Tzu-ming, the newly-appointed Chinese Ambassador to the Vichy regime, has arrived in Washington en route to unoccupied France, to assume his new post. — Central News.

The Persian Gulf, he added, would be one of the important "entry ports" as well as Vladivostok. Mr. Harriman said that the Mission would be going to London first to confer with the British Mission.

Asked whether Britain would divert some of her American supplies, Mr. Harriman replied that it was a matter which would be discussed in London and Moscow.

"It is," he added, "a question of where the supplies will do the most good in the plan for the ultimate destruction of Hitler."

"Sizeable Supply"

Mr. Harriman declared that some materials were already on the way to Russia, and predicted that a "sizeable supply" would be shipped in the coming months.

The Mission comprises 18 members, including five principal members and 13 technical experts. The permanent staff is headed by Col. Philip Faymonville, an Ordnance officer who will be left in Moscow when the Mission returns.

Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, at the press conference yesterday, said that the United States was doing everything possible to facilitate all available help to Russia, and would continue to do so. — Reuter.

AERIAL DEFENCE OF MALAYA

FIVE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN AIR FORCE FIGHTER SQUADRONS, EQUIPPED WITH THE MOST MODERN AIRCRAFT, ARE SERVING ABROAD.

This was revealed in Melbourne yesterday by the Air Minister, Mr. McEwen, who added that the progressive and substantial strengthening of the Malayan defences included a Buffalo squadron.

These were only part of Australia's contribution to the air effort. — Reuter.

GUERRILLA SUCCESS

Land mines laid by Chinese guerrillas totally wrecked a Japanese troop train, in Suiyan Province, according to Chinese reports received in Shanghai yesterday.

Many Japanese officers are said to have been killed by guerrillas who were laying in ambush on both sides of the railway line and attacked the troops with hand grenades after the land mines had exploded. — Reuter.

ANGER SWEEPS NAZI FOOD QUEUES

A remarkable article in the Swiss paper "Die Tat" from its Berlin correspondent, Paul Werner, headed "How the Berliner lives," says that the Nazi upper class lives in comparative luxury while the workers often go hungry, "although food stocks are plentiful."

It is admitted that "there is naturally a prevailing mood among the German people only describable as exceeding irritation."

Housewives queuing up are probably the loudest in their grumblings, and vent their ire without bringing serious consequences on themselves.

It is said that people are not very quickly translated to concentration camps nowadays.

People in authority who should curb the protestations have their own worries and feel the pinch, so they are "very accommodating and absolutely understanding."

Rations are unexpectedly shorter this summer, which is attributed to the necessity for laying in stocks to tide over a long period. Werner ingeniously remarks about this: "Nobody knows why."

Many people would rise from restaurant tables hungry were it not that "habit helps one over many difficulties."

"Many people are only kept going by habit, for their privations began so long before the war that the youth of Germany does not know of any higher standard of living than their present one."

Expect Victory This Year

Everybody is trusting that the war will end this year, as Hitler promised. From the humblest workman to the big-scale employer, all cling to and talk of this prophecy.

Money plays an important part and is concentrated "in the not very large upper class which despite taxation earns well and leads a remarkably pleasant life in the circumstances."

But among the mass of the people many faces are sallow with privation. The poorer classes are beginning to look ragged, as the cloth rationing system does not cover the barest needs and the quality of ersatz materials has deteriorated.

Richer people who prided themselves on their wardrobes in peace years are now beginning to look shabby.

The article emphasises the irritating travelling restriction and scarcity of buses and trains; many pleasure centres lack communications entirely.

BOMBED CHURCH BELLS STOLEN

Charged with receiving six bells, valued at £750, of a bombed Bristol church, knowing them to be stolen, Edward Richard Pearce was remanded for a week at Bristol.

The bells had been gold, and it was alleged that Pearce had received a substantial amount.

Detective-Inspector Silos said that Pearce had a Bristol address, but was found at Worcester, and a warrant for his arrest had to be issued. Another charge might be preferred.

FRANK ADMISSION BY SENIOR GERMAN OFFICER

(By Reuter's Correspondent in Cairo)

BY THE END OF THE winter Germany will hardly be able to carry on the war owing to the Russian resistance and continued R.A.F. raids, in the opinion of a senior German air force officer at present stationed in Athens.

This frank confession was made to a Greek student, one of many who have escaped from Athens recently and eventually reaching Syria and thence making their way to Egypt.

The informant, who is of the highest integrity, told me: "The officer concerned was billeted in my Athens home."

"One evening he invited me to share a bottle of French wine and cigars, and admitted that if the Russians continued to resist, Germany would be unable to stand up against their millions backed up by the unfailing resources and wealth of the British Empire."

"Admitting that food conditions in Germany were worse even than in the Balkans, the officer concluded 'We were forced to attack Russia for wheat and oil and even if now we conquer the Soviet it will take at least a year to get production working in the Ukraine.'"

The student added the German officer, who was pro-British, expressed a wish the war would soon finish as he was most tired. — Reuter.

GERMANY'S COMMENT

"What President Roosevelt said in his speech of indictment was to be expected," was the German radio comment last night on President Roosevelt's speech.

"He repeated the lie that a German U-boat had begun the attack on the Greer," the radio continued, "and his present order to shoot at sight is the only public announcement of the order which he had given in the middle of July. It proves that President Roosevelt is determined to continue his war-mongering in the interests of international Jewry."

"He did not define the waters to which the order applied. The notion of the western hemisphere is elastic for President Roosevelt, as the attack on Iceland has shown." — Reuter.

MR. PECK ARRIVES IN BANGKOK

The new U.S. Minister to Thailand, Mr. K. Willis R. Peck, accompanied by his wife, arrived in Bangkok by air yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Peck told Reuter at the airport he was looking forward with great pleasure to his stay in Thailand but it was too early to express an opinion about anything. — Reuter.

WOULDN'T GO TO CHURCH

Guardman Ernest J. Whitehead, Grenadier Guards, who was court-martialled for refusing to obey a command to enter a church when on church parade, has been sentenced to seven days' detention.

SOVIET MISSION AT WHITE HOUSE

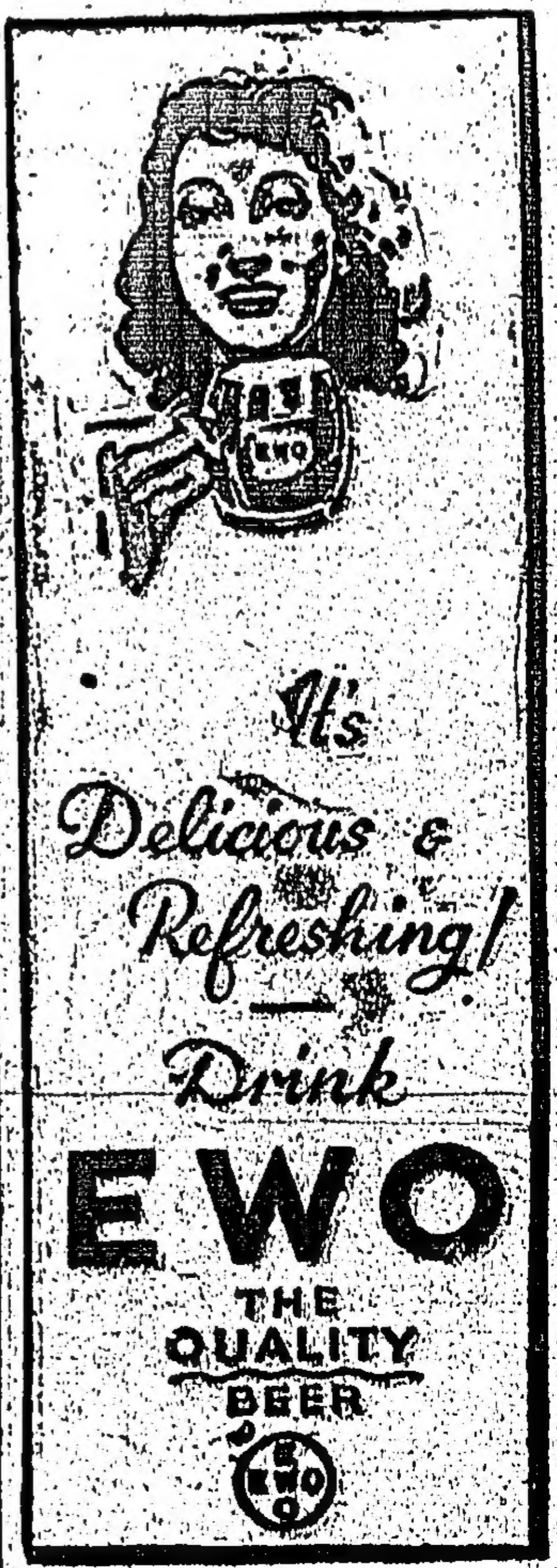
President Roosevelt yesterday received leading members of the Russian technical mission to the U.S.

They were presented by the Soviet Ambassador, M. Ouman-sky, who, it is learned, will return to Moscow in the immediate future to make a comprehensive report on U.S. aid. — Reuter.

CHINESE ENVOY TO CANADA

Mr. Liu Shi-shu, Director of the European Affairs Department of the Chungking Foreign Office, is to be appointed first Chinese Minister to Canada, it is learned from a usually well-informed source in Chungking.

It is understood the announcement is only awaiting Canada's formal assent. — Reuter.



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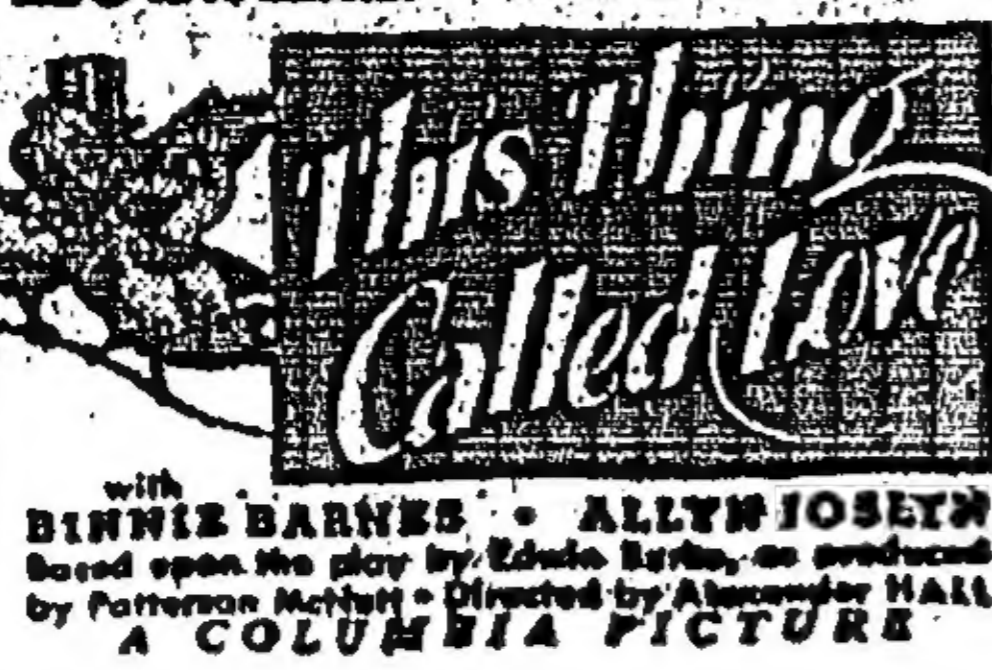
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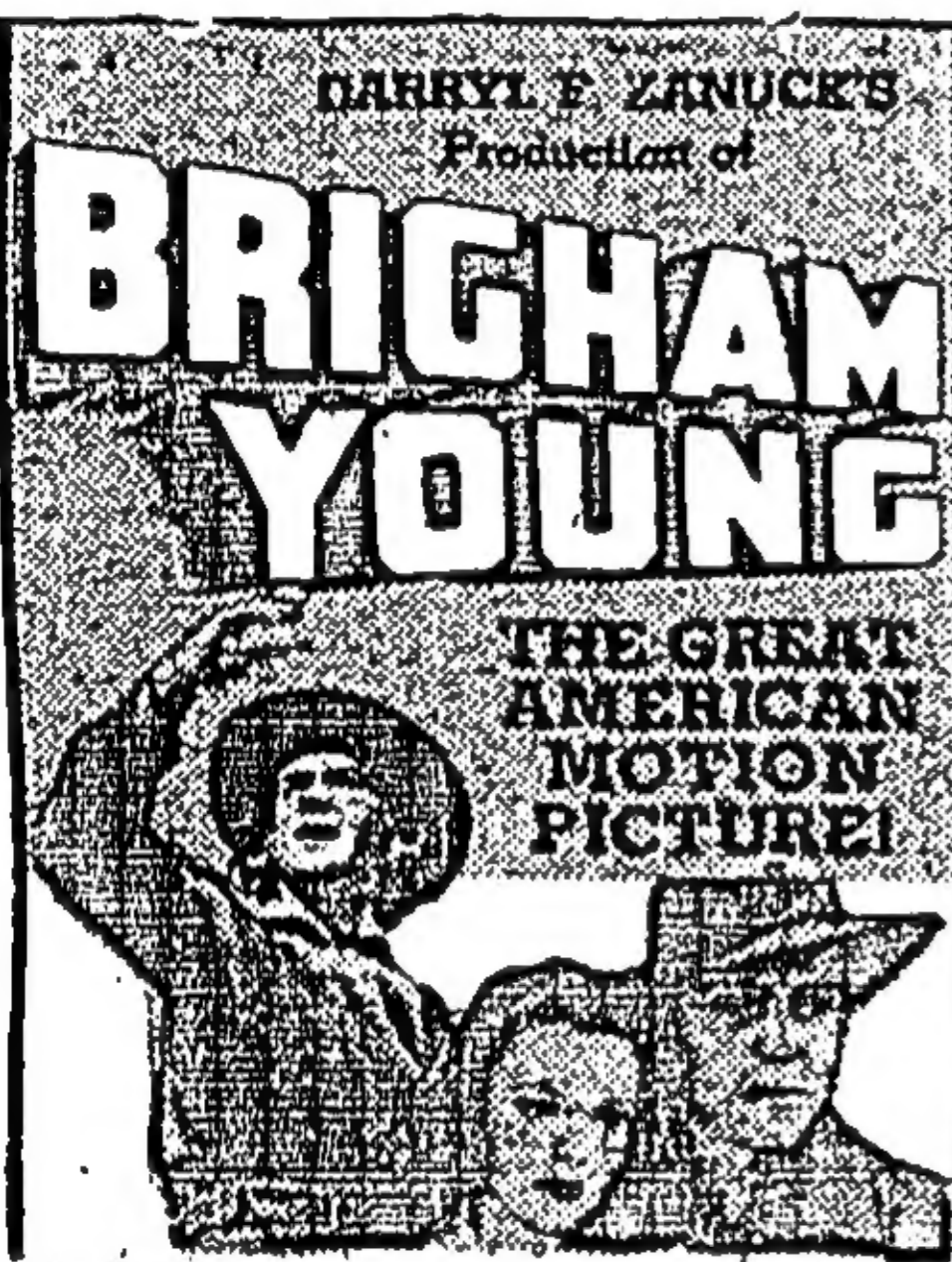
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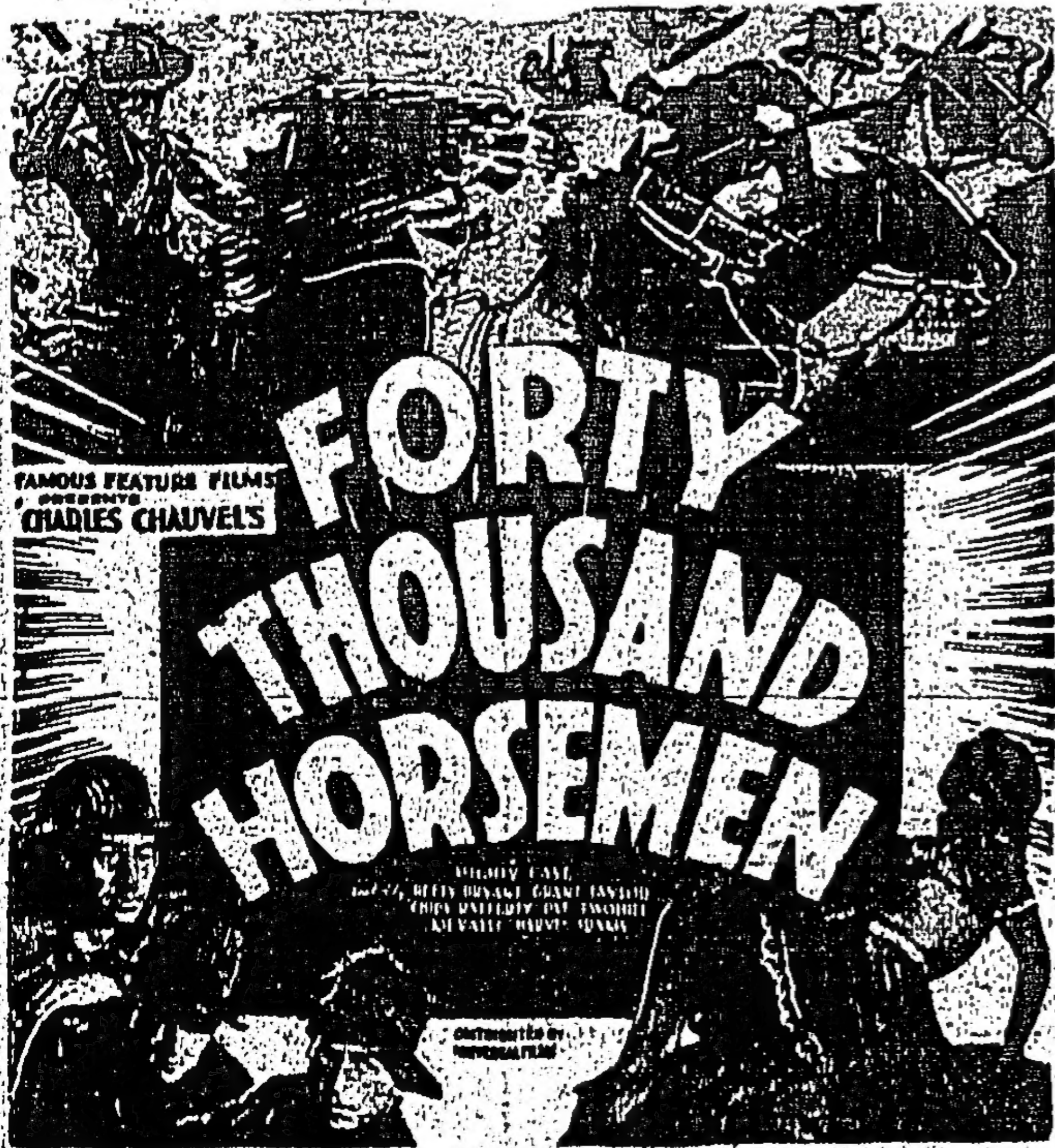
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GERMANS TRY TO PUT A BOLD FRONT ON IT

AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT that Germany is prepared to face a winter campaign in Russia without fear of insurmountable difficulties, is published by the Berlin correspondents of all Swedish newspapers.

In the two months remaining before the heavy snow the main part of the campaign will be concluded, the statement declared. Napoleon's campaign is no criterion because Napoleon neglected his rear communications while the Germans have carefully organised these.

CLOTHES PROBLEM SOLVED

(By SHEILAH GRAHAM)

You just cannot afford to lose your handkerchief these days because if you do you must surrender one of your precious coupons to buy another. And as the ration is only sixty-six for twelve months, and when you realise that a man's suit consumes twenty-six coupons, a woman's long coat fifteen, and every pair of silk stockings two—well, you just cannot afford to lose your handkerchief.

How to be well dressed on sixty-six coupons a year is a big problem facing men and women, particularly women in England. All things considered, they are not doing too badly. To begin with, evening dress as an institution has fallen beneath the coupon axe. Men wear uniforms or day suits. Women in the services rarely bother to change from their khaki or light or dark blue uniforms, which are the same as the army, navy and Royal Air Force male counter-parts, except for a skirt in lieu of trousers.

The rest of the feminine population wear simple day dresses for evening, with a few diaphanous carrying on with the traditional evening or dinner gowns. Unused evening dresses are being ripped up and transformed into panties, slips and blouses.

Hats are not rationed, but only one woman in five wears a hat anyway. That is why they are not rationed. The few girls here who put anything on their heads usually settle for a turban or twist of material to keep their locks tidy. The hats worn are small and tilted over one eye, like those current a couple of seasons ago in the United States.

There is a tremendous run on non-rationed linen and silk sheets, which women are buying by the dozen, not for sleeping on but for living in. They make fine summer dresses. So do curtains.

The funniest coupon wangle is the Scottish kilt. West End tailors recently were surprised by the enormous demand for kilts, particularly from men more than six feet tall. In most cases a plain kilt is ordered, and a kilt for a tall man takes three and one-half yards. So does a man's suit. The suit devours twenty-six coupons, the kilt only eight. After the kilt is delivered, it is taken to another tailor who makes a suit from it, at a saving of eighteen coupons.

TO HEAR THEIR PARENTS

Once a fortnight British children evacuated to South Africa will hear their parents' voices in a new series of broadcasts in the B.B.C. South African service. Every eight weeks children will speak to the parents.

The statement recalls that the Germans in the last war showed ability to withstand the Russian winter.

Seeking to refute the Russian claims of counter-offensives German military circles state Gomel is still in German hands.

The front now runs 70 kilometres east of Smolensk and even further beyond Gomel.

Successes "Shortly"

Russian counter-attacks, these military circles claim, have not disturbed the German progress or halted the encirclement of Leningrad.

News of great successes is promised shortly on the Leningrad and other fronts, which, the Berlin correspondent of the Stockholm "Tidningen" suggests, include Kiev.

Meanwhile well-informed quarters in Berlin believe that Admiral Horthy's visit to Hitler's headquarters is connected with a German demand for increasing support of Hungarian troops and material on the eastern front in return for a satisfactory settlement of Hungary's territorial aspirations.—Reuter.

NO LIFT CADGING

"Thumbing" lifts has been banned in a north-west R.A.F. camp.

A few business men who pass the camp every day wrote to the officer in charge asking that the men should be stopped from hitch-hiking.

They said the practice of "cadging lifts" is undignified to the uniform. One, going into details, claimed that many of the airmen were "better off than they have ever been and can afford to go by bus."

Now the commanding officer has told the men to stop asking for lifts by signaling with their thumbs. But he has not said they cannot accept a lift if invited.

The men, however, are indignant at the complaints. One told the "Daily Mirror" they were "saying some hard things about joy-riding motorists" who never think of offering lifts. Buses are usually filled by the time they reach the camp.

At week-ends hundreds of the airmen promenade on the foot-path hopeful that they will be offered a spare seat in a car.

With few exceptions motorists pull up.

BARRACK SHOTS: TWO R.E.S DEAD

Soldiers in Gibraltar Barracks, Aldershot, were awakened by the sound of two shots fired in quick succession. They found that Lance-Corporal Joshua N. Cohen and Corporal Harold B. Tolley, both of the Royal Engineers, were dead in the room.

It is believed that at about 2.30 a.m. Cohen got out of bed, picked up a rifle and shot Tolley, who was asleep in his bed, and then turned the rifle on himself.

Both men were Londoners. Tolley was married and his home is at Penge.

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M. P. ADMIRES GIRLS WHO GO BARE-LEGGED

AN M.P. ASKED the Secretary to the Treasury in the House of Commons to appeal to Government Departments and other employers not to insist on women wearing stockings at work.

"By going bare-legged they are being patriotic," the M.P., Mr. D. L. Lipson (Independent, Cheltenham), told a reporter.

"There is nothing unbecoming about bare legs. Employers who insist on members of their staff wearing stockings are unfair and unpatriotic."

"I admire the girls who go without them, and even if they have the coupons to obtain them, I should admire them all the more for not wearing them."

Mr. Lipson was asked whether he considered bus conductresses should be treated as exceptions and provided with extra coupons for uniform stockings.

"Certainly not," he said. "Smartness and looks should not come before the war effort, and I am certain that the majority of girls would not wish them to. It is up to employer's not to insist on stockings."

HITLER IN FOR A LICKING

Hitler's portrait is now appearing on all postage stamps in Germany.

BEAT OFF 8 RAIDS, GOT A JU

LEWIS GUNNERS GUARDING A TORPEDOED SHIP WHICH HAD BEEN BEACHED BEAT OFF EIGHT ATTACKS BY DIVE-BOMBERS FLYING AS LOW AS 200 FT.

One Junkers 88 was shot down. For this feat three Royal Artillery men win the Military Medal. One of them, Gunner Leslie Neal, of Pennyside, Spalding, Lines, was knocked down three times, but on each occasion returned to his gun.

The others are Lance-Sergeant Owen Dillon, of Fleggburgh, Norfolk, and Lance-Bombardier Patrick William White, of Taft Monks near Beccles, Suffolk.

SCIENCE'S BID FOR BETTER WORLD

Scientists from all parts of the world — 22 nationalities in all — will on September 26 to 28 at the Royal Institution in London contribute to a three-day conference which aims at linking up science with government for the betterment of human life.

Since Hitler came to power and until 1937 the number of entries into German universities dropped by half. Thus, despite all the evil uses to which Hitler and his advisers have put science, the Nazis are living on their scientific capital.

On the other hand, as was explained yesterday by Professor Sir Richard Gregory, President of the British Association, the Allies have the cooperation of scientists from all free countries in what is a great democratic commonwealth of science.

Sir Richard urged the necessity for those in control of public affairs to understand the power which science places in the hands of mankind for construction and human betterment. When such knowledge is in the hands of gangsters they can hold up peaceful communities by their thousands and millions.

The conference, which is under the auspices of the British Association, aims at better relations between science and government, administration and other agencies concerned with constructive planning for the present and the future. Its spirit is the same as that of the momentous Anglo-American statement of peace aims drawn up by President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill.

Those scientists who, because of difficulties of transport in war-time, will not be able to make their contributions personally, are recording their papers and their voices will be heard in London. Professor Einstein is making a record in America on the common language of science, and prominent Indian scientists will probably record speeches.—British Wireless.

AIRCRAFT FUND DRIVE IN COLONY

The goal of the \$1 Aeroplane Fund Campaign, launched in Hong Kong, under the auspices of the Chinese Association for the Promotion of Aviation has been set at H.K.\$1,000,000.

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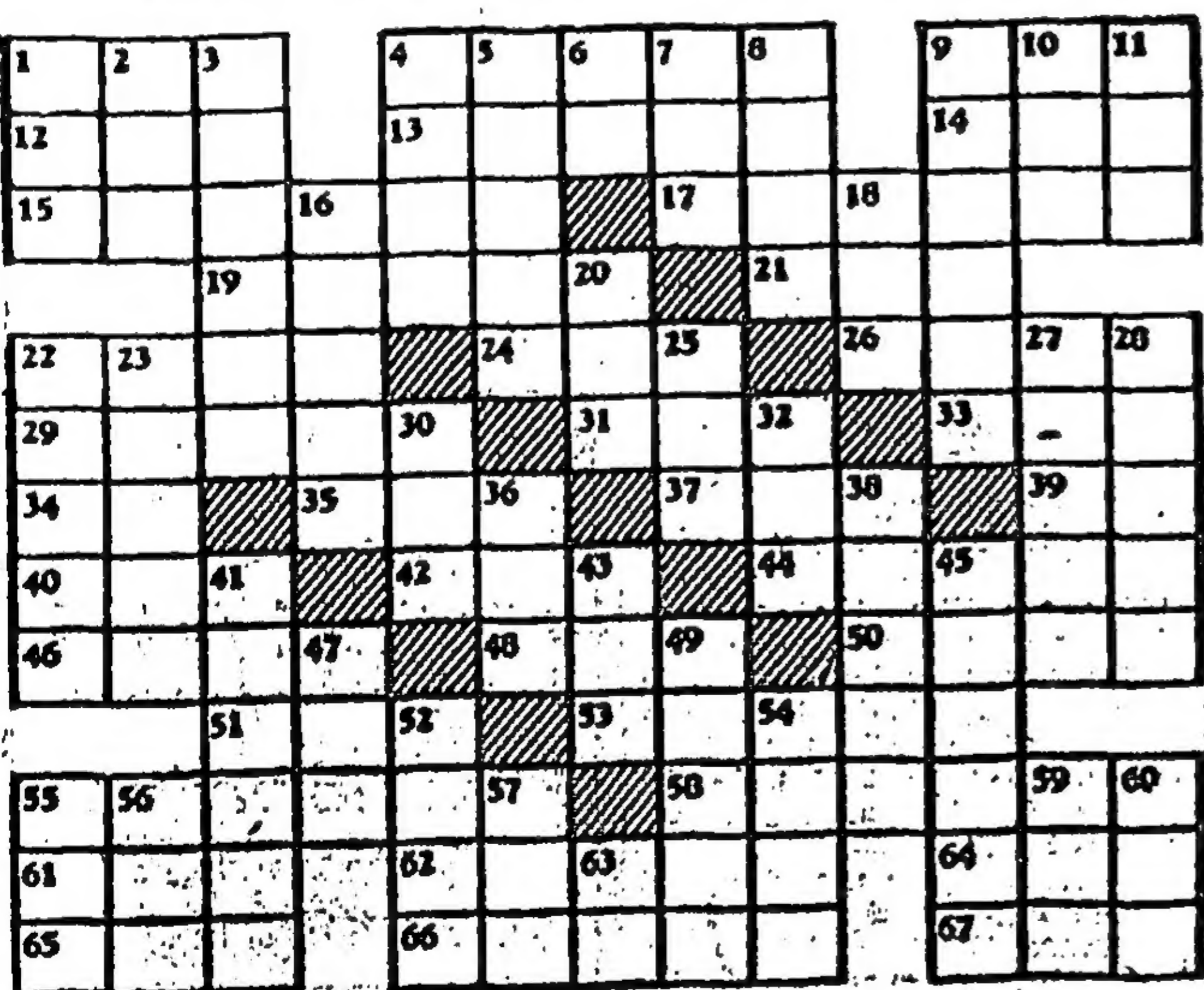
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- 29 Red
- 31 Reception
- 32 By birth
- 34 Slang line
- 35 French river
- 37 High note
- 39 Note of scale
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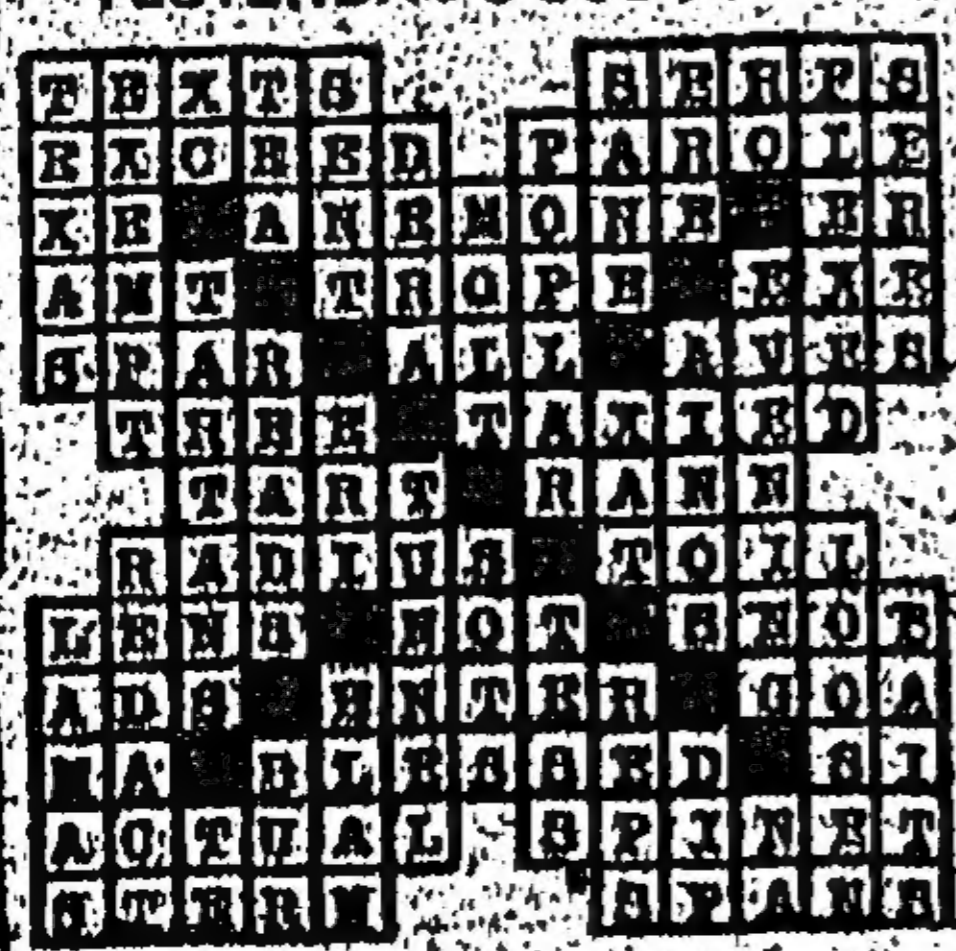
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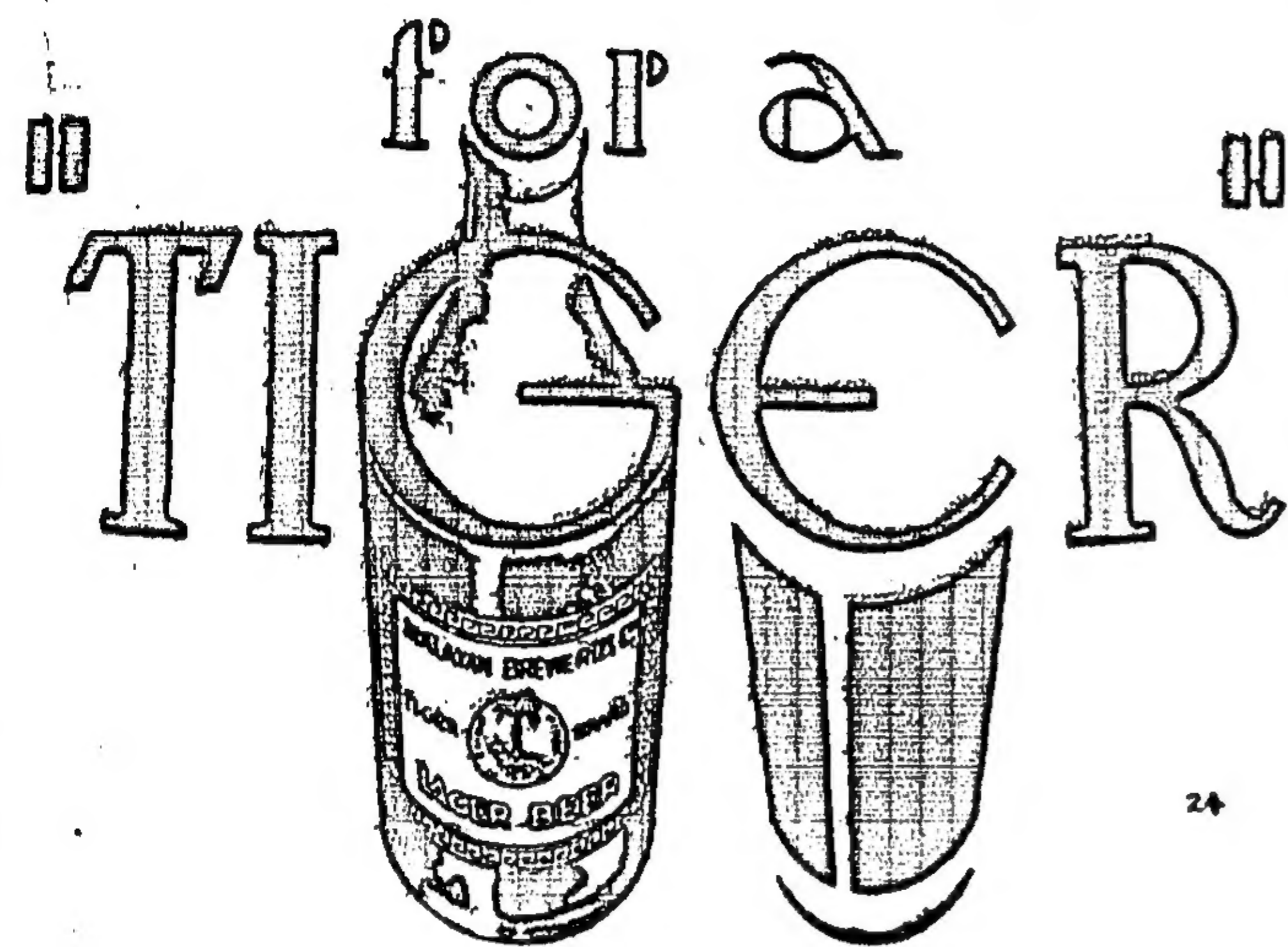
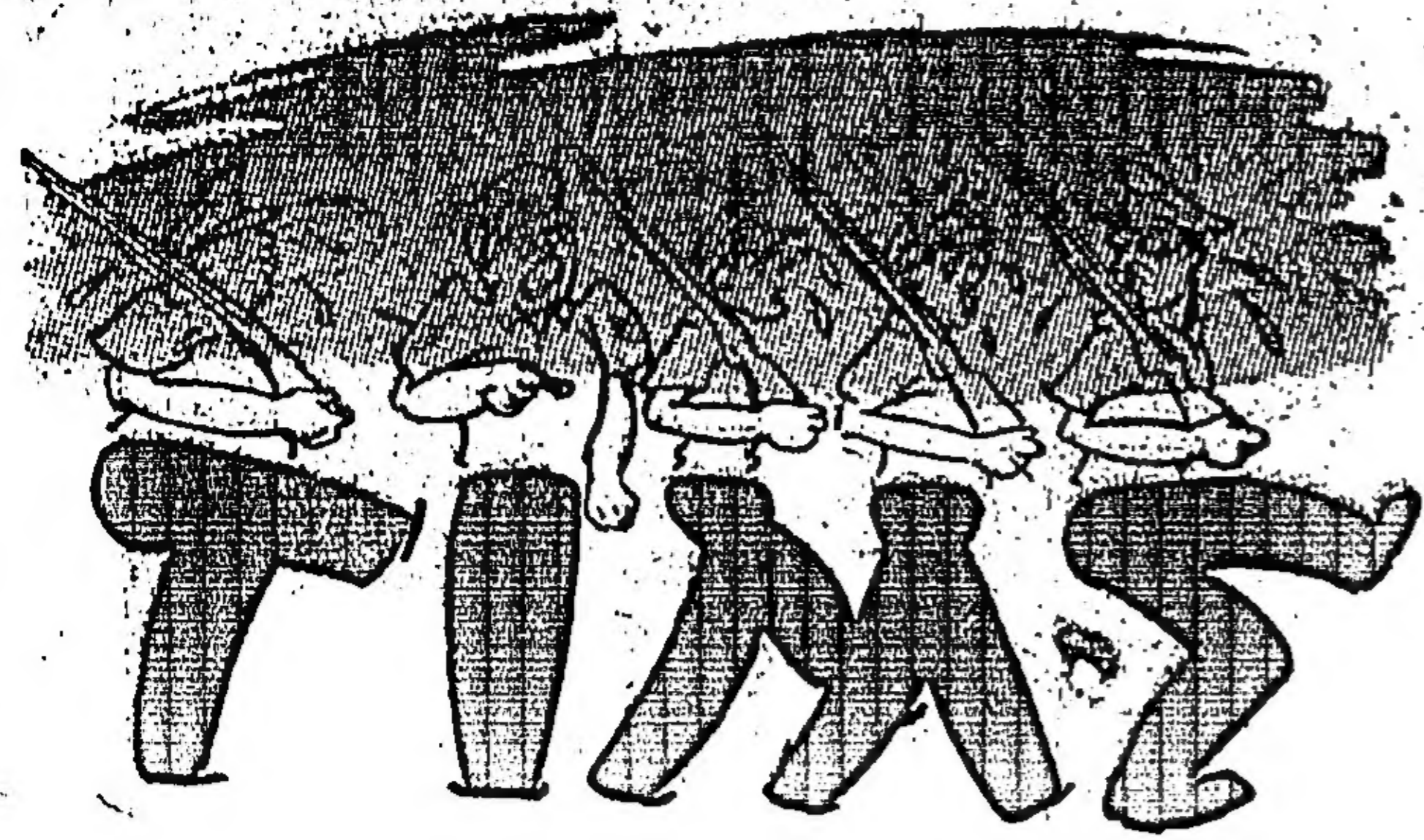
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- 7 To recede

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- 10 Middle name
- 11 Sty
- 16 Asiatic kingdom
- 18 Kiwi
- 20 Shack
- 22 Soft tea cake
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- 27 Macabre
- 29 Requires
- 30 Casualty
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VICHY AIDES COURTING THE NAZIS

(An American war correspondent here tells more of the story of his arrest and imprisonment for four months, beginning last March, by the German forces in occupied France).

(By JAY ALLEN)

AFTER THE JUDGE advocate of the German court-martial at Le Creusot had satisfied himself that I was deliberately working against the best interests of the German Army of Occupation, the questioning switched to my interview with Marshal Henri Philippe Petain.

I informed him that I had got the interview with the Marshal through ex-Premier Pierre-Etienne Flandin.

I was glad to send the interview because I was anxious to dispel the illusions about Vichy that had grown up after the dismissal of Pierre Laval and get over my view that M. Flandin and Admiral Francois Darlan were both ready to serve the Germans and would prove more effective in promoting "collaboration" than the universally despised Laval. I said that I felt sure that the Germans could not object to my reporting a state of affairs in Vichy that was their own contriving.

The judge advocate was very curious about my movements in Paris. I told him where I lunched and dined every day—mostly Maxim's, which was full of German officers. He asked whether I had picked up any military information. I answered that even the embassies and legations, still in Paris at the time, were not able to find out anything. He wanted to know where I had lodged. I told him I could not say; I did not want to compromise friends.

From his notes taken during my testimony the judge advocate drew a statement in German that I was asked to sign after it had been re-translated to me.

Vichy Sleuths Take A Hand

On the night of April 27, a friendly German officer stopped me, drew me into a dark corner and said, "I am not supposed to tell you but the French Surete Nationale (Secret Service) has obtained permission to call on you to-morrow. Your case was practically settled. Now there is a dreadful mess."

The next afternoon a very pleasant young German lieutenant called for me and we walked through town to the headquarters of the S. D. (Sicherheits Dienst) in the old offices of the French Surete. There we met a strange creature, a blond, overly handsome officer—a captain, I think—wearing the death's head of the Elite Guards in the peak of his cap. He seemed in a state of barely suppressed hysteria, like many Nazis.

Soon there appeared two gentlemen who could be identified at a hundred yards as detectives, the judge advocate from Le Creusot and three other officers I hadn't seen before.

One of the detectives read a summons from the Vichy prosecutor in which M. Allen was called upon to reveal his part in the theft from the French police of documents "affecting the security of the State."

He went on to inform me that one Georges Vikar, a Hungarian journalist, aged 20, and two inspectors of the French Surete had been arrested in Vichy, accused of stealing material from the Surete file on communism and Gaullist propaganda, "reports of a highly secret and confidential character," which, according to Vikar's confession, had been shown to M. Allen and photostats thereof left with him.

'Secret And Confidential'

Then it came back to me. Late in February a furnished little citizen, who had worked vaguely for "Paris-Solr," asked me for work. During our conversation it developed that he could find me examples of Gaullist, Communist and other propaganda that I had tried without success to obtain from the Ministry of Interior.

Vikar gave me a sheaf of Gaullist leaflets and Communist handouts. There were also several reports marked "secret and confidential" on Gaullist and Communist activities.

Vikar said I couldn't have the stuff but offered to copy it all. The "secret and confidential" reports did not seem very exciting. When he brought me the photostats I threw them in my suitcase with my other papers and forgot them.

The detective summoned me to explain. I did as well as I could against his constant badgering. He was throwing his weight around to impress the Germans.

"M. Allen lays hold of secret documents on March 1 and on March 3 hot-foots it across the line for Paris," he snorted. "To whom did you hand them over in Paris?"

I was bothered, but, watching the faces of the officers of the military tribunal, I got the impression that they were as bewildered as I and a little embarrassed.

The Death's Head Nazi seemed to have picked up a few facts about my friendships from some German newspaperman in Paris who had known me. I felt the vast sense of relief that other men who have gone through far more serious trouble with the Gestapo tell me they have felt when the great sleuths start cross-questioning you on irrelevancies. Which is proof that they have nothing on you—no facts at least.

"Churchill Agent"

Death's Head was bellowing, "come on now, confess—you are an agent of Churchill and of the Comintern."

I said somewhat wearily that he ought to make up his mind which, that the Comintern and Mr. Churchill were two separate and distinct institutions. I said that in fact I thought the Germans—this was in April—had some kind of pact with the Bolsheviks.

"You are like that man of evil, Donovan [Colonel William J. Donovan] who has just plunged Yugoslavia into the horrors of war," the Nazi snarled. "But he had help, he had the Comintern. We know all about it."

This was news to me, the first intimation I had that all was not well between Berlin and Moscow.

The interrogation finally bogged down. The officers seemed bored. One of them winked at me.

"All right, Herr Allen," said Death's Head, "you can go back to your cell. But you won't sleep to-night, I wager. For you have seen from the few facts I have revealed to you that we know all about you. In a few days you'll hear more."

Then followed two months of silence except that, on the best of authority, Herr Allen learned that the military tribunal had been instructed to hold him in protective arrest even if he were sentenced and his sentence completed. At the time I did not know it but apparently this was the result of the fear in U.S. of Manfred Zapp and Gottfried Tonn, German correspondents.

Dijon Nightmare

Then on June 27 came the actual sentence. I was summoned to the prison office after a session of the court martial. My sentence was read to me. I was told that I had three days in which to make up my mind, but was warned that if my

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New York has been bombed.

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appeal was rejected the sentence might be doubled or tripled.

I said that I would appeal and hoped to have the sentence, which was unjust, tripled. They asked why. I suggested that then my government would intervene. It already had, as I learned a few days later when my appeal was simply returned because of "new developments."

Then the nightmare of Dijon Prison. Then release and then at the Spanish border an attempt by General Franco's police to take me over. This the Germans could not allow, as the exchange agreement called for my safe arrival in Portugal. And being the master in Spain, they did not allow it.

PROMOTION FOR "HEREWARD" MAN

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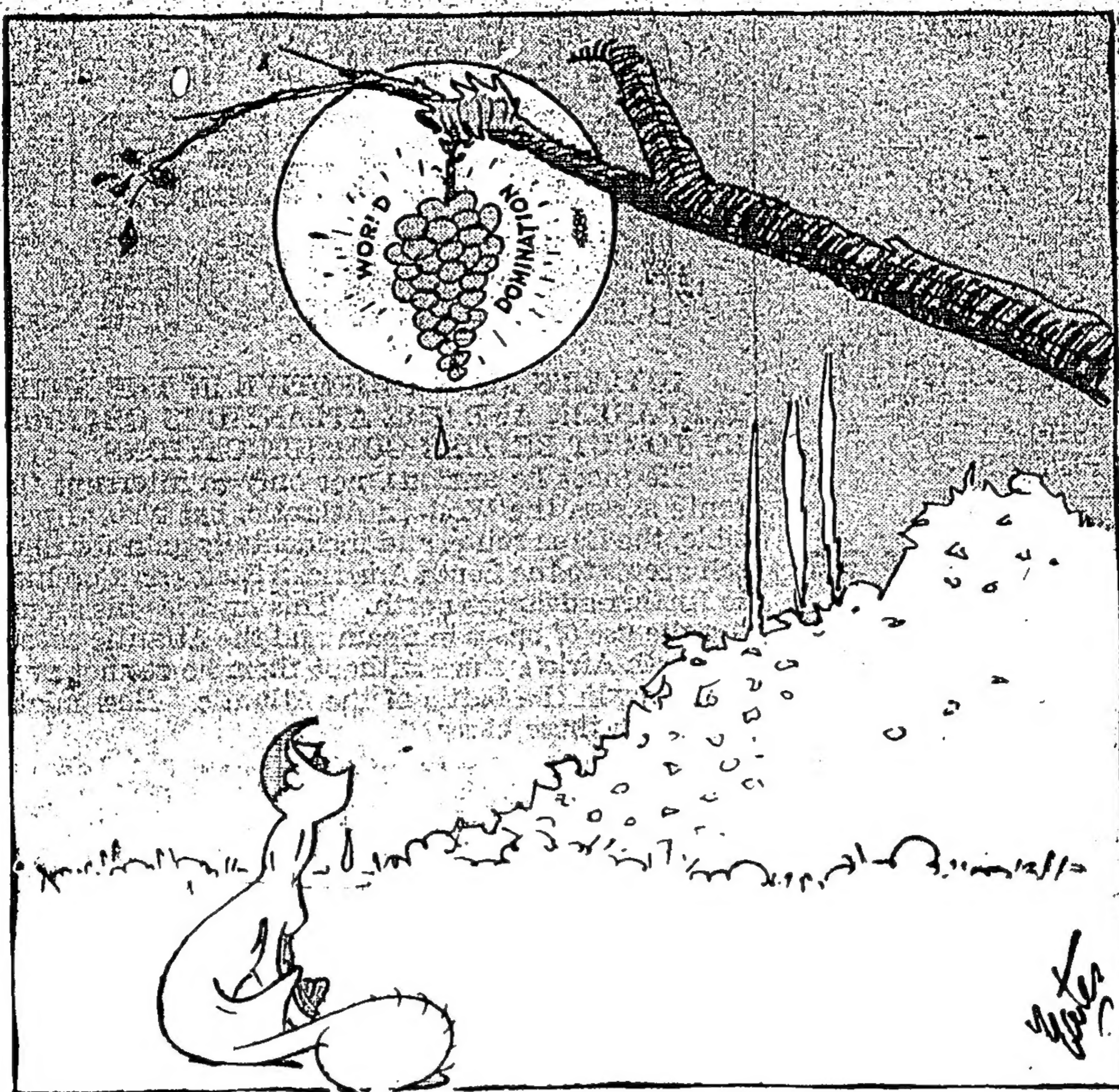
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PACIFIC RUMOURS

Nothing has appeared that is clear and unmistakable to support the persistent rumours of an imminent American-Japanese rapprochement, though Mr. Fadden, Australia's new Prime Minister has given stimulant to the optimistic by citing "official information" as authority for the statement that the outlook in the Pacific has improved. Japanese continue to leave Hong Kong, the N.E.I., India, Singapore and the United States. Americans are taking every opportunity of returning home where circumstances permit. The arrangement by which a British ship is to visit Japan to take off a thousand British nationals has not been rescinded. The assumption by His Imperial Japanese Majesty of direct control of the Army command in Japan has been interpreted as Imperial intervention to forestall the dangers of an Army breach with a Konoye Government bent upon conciliation. But it has also been interpreted as a further consolidation of Japanese defensive measures in the light of the "aggravation of a situation which finds Japan surrounded on four sides."

Judged by what is visible on the board, the risk remains just as ever that Japan, hard pressed internally, will move on the basis that the New Order for Asia has to be constantly reinsured, at a premium far surpassing the original investment.

There are other parallels between Japan's slogan, "Asia for the Asiatics," and Hitler's arrogant assumption that he speaks for Europe. Foremost among them is the fact that the Asiatics don't want the Japanese order. In Europe, the Nazis maintain their rule by force; in Asia not a single oriental nation rallies behind Japan. On the contrary, in four years of war to subdue China the Japanese have lost any support they once enjoyed among the oppressed peoples of Asia. Without exception, all prefer the rulers they have to "liberation" on Japanese terms. Their ruthlessness in China has made the Japanese as thoroughly detested in the Far East, as the Nazis are in Europe. Against the dangers that arise from that situation in general, may be placed Tokyo's very obvious anxiety to avoid trouble with the United States if that



HOW SOUR THE GRAPES!

Tokyo Policy

CONDITIONS in Japan must be worse than students of Far Eastern matters have been led to believe. No other explanation appears reasonable for the very long chance that country is taking.

It is not difficult to conceive of reasons why Japan desires to keep up the momentum of its aggressions.

But, in the light of the new naval and strategic problems with which Japan has presented itself, it is difficult to imagine how the Japanese authorities could possibly arrive at the decision that auspicious results can be attained.

For a long time the bogging down of Japan's military effort in China has sapped its strength politically and financially, and has prevented the Japanese from reaping the advantages they feel otherwise would have come to them in the Far East while the nations, which in the past have curbed Nipponese ambitions, have been at each others' throats.

Glaring Weakness

Entirely apart from the effect of the economic measures which have been taken by the United States, the British Commonwealth, and the Netherlands East Indies, there is the glaring military weakness of the move to be considered.

Perhaps the success Germany has attained with its panzer warfare where the tanks and rear are left unguarded, impelled the Japanese to attempt a somewhat similar plan at sea, because an expedition is under way with a long and unsupported line of communication, flanked by alien bases which can easily become enemy bases.

There is no information as to how long Japan has been paying the way for a southward move but it is doubtful if any considerable stocks of material have heretofore been accumulated. Transportation of adequate supplies would have required the use of such a large number of ships that suspicion would have been aroused and information of what was going on would have become known.

Consequently, Japan proceeded to project an expedition against

can possibly be achieved. But the President's forthright challenge to Hitler yesterday will not encourage them to hope that the path of appeasement lies open.

an objective about 2,000 miles from its nearest major base at Sasebo, dependent on the supplies it carried and to be received in the future.

Bases Inadequate

True, no resistance from French authorities was anticipated or made, and there are intermediate bases of sorts in the Pescadores

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west of Formosa and at Hainan, distant 1,250 and 800 miles respectively from Saigon, and but slightly less from Camranh Bay. But these bases possess none of the attributes needed to support a major expedition.

Manila and Hong Kong are both strong bases lying athwart Japan's route from home country to the territory it has elected to "protect." Both are heavily fortified. Hong Kong, or to be accurate, its capital Victoria, is on an island which possesses great natural strength. Manila can only be taken by an attack in force overrunning the difficult terrain of northern Luzon, for the defence of which the President has called into the service of the United States, the military forces of the Philippines. Any attack on Manila from the south can, by reason of certain geographical features, be countered by a comparatively small force.

So to save its face by bringing China to terms, Japan has elected to affront the nations that have shown unprecedented patience with its antics during the past 20 years in general and since 1937 in particular.

Burma Project

Established in Indo-China, it may be expected that Japan's plans are to infiltrate Thailand sufficiently to establish air bases from which the Burma Road can be blasted in an effort to stop the constantly increasing flow of war materials going to the Chinese. If China were deprived of these supplies, with Russia probably having little material to spare at

the present time, Chinese resistance to Japan would be seriously affected.

[So far, Japanese bombings of the road linking Burma and Kunming, Capital of Yunnan Province, have been mainly hindered by distance and flying conditions. But within the past week Randall Gould, former Chief Far Eastern Correspondent of "The Christian Science Monitor," reported that sections of the Burma road were being defended by American-made planes. Fighter defence of China's supply route would add a new factor to Japanese efforts to block this artery.]

Doubtless Japan hoped no effective objection would be imposed by the United States and Great Britain to a foray into Thailand. Perhaps what has been openly done is merely a feeler and future operations will be tempered to meet exigencies as they arise. But it is a desperate gamble that has been taken. Already the retaliatory measures amount to what is a total embargo on Japanese trade in practically every port of the world still open to commerce, except those in nearby Asia.

Bankruptcy Foreseen

Those who profess to know state that these measures will bankrupt Japan within six months and will deprive it of practically every essential commodity required by its military machine. Oil, iron ore and scrap, lead, copper, zinc, nickel, aluminium, cotton, wool, in fact, all the materials needed to wage modern war can be included because Japan itself produces practically none of them. And by the same token Japan can dispose of none of its products such as raw and processed silk on which it depends for its foreign exchange.

From a military point of view Japan has placed itself in an untenable position. It has thrust an expedition into territory which will prove a cul-de-sac should concerted armed opposition be brought to bear.

With a vulnerable line of communication and no real advantage gained except a temporary amount of prestige at home for an army with a sadly tarnished reputation, Japan finds it difficult to vindicate the move it has made.

Singapore and Suez are still well over the horizon, and after assessing the stands taken by Great Britain and the United States in reply to its recent aggression, Japan knows that any further encroachments will meet with even stronger reprisals.

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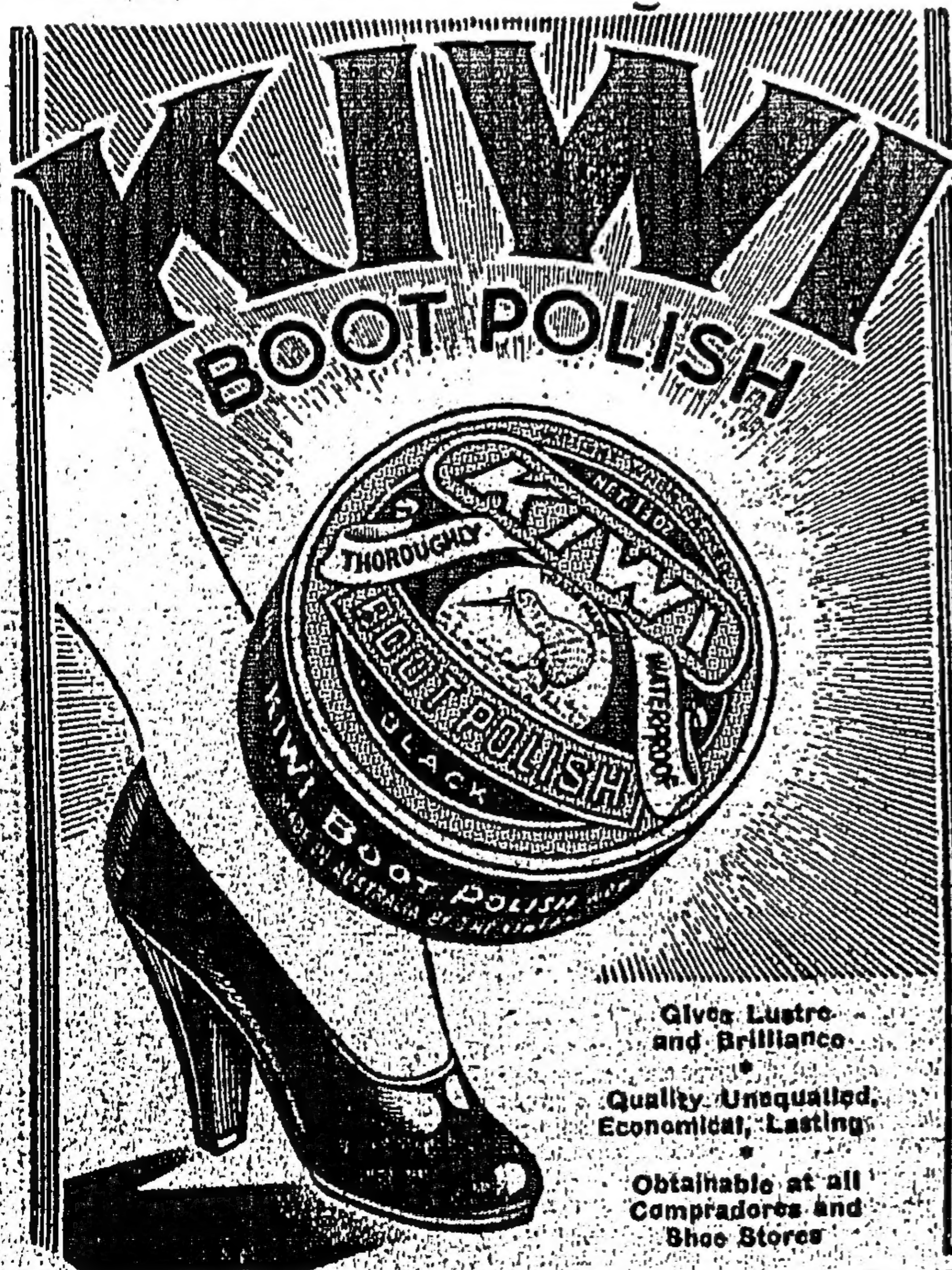
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ACTIVITIES OF GERMANS IN MOROCCO

HITLER'S MAIN OBJECTIVE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND THE ATLANTIC IS OBVIOUSLY TO CUT BRITISH COMMUNICATIONS.

He must be anxious, not only to interrupt the route across the Western Atlantic, but also, if possible, the Cape route, and incidentally gain for himself access to the South American States as a prelude to further advances north. This involves his securing the use of bases in Spain and the Atlantic coasts of North Africa, since without them he cannot even hope to win the battle of the Atlantic. How might he obtain these bases?

There is no doubt that he has put heavy pressure on Spain, which, up to the present, has been resisted. General Franco has refused voluntarily to give passage to troops by land and the use and occupation of aerodromes. Pressure, however, is being maintained, and it is possible that Hitler may decide to make use of Spanish aerodromes without the Caudillo's consent. He would in these circumstances be faced with many difficulties.

Spaniards Dislike Germans

There is increasing dislike among the Spaniards, as a whole, for the Germans, and in the event of a forcible occupation the invaders would encounter a hostile population. An additional disadvantage is that Spain is on the verge of starvation, and there is little booty to be obtained that Hitler cannot already obtain by "purchase." Further, there is quite a troublesome outbreak of typhus fever, which might be very awkward for an army of occupation.

Through the more or less successful efforts at "cooperation" with the French Government at Vichy and the complaisance of Admiral Darlan Hitler has been able to find a simpler way.

In characteristic German fashion there has for some time been a steady German infiltration into North Africa and particularly into Morocco. Numbers have no doubt been exaggerated but the infiltration is going on quietly. With the connivance and cooperation of the big French Moroccan industrialists Germany is gradually obtaining an economic stranglehold in Morocco.

Italian Commission Displaced

The Italian Armistice Commission has been displaced by a German Commission, which is infinitely more active than was the Italian, and which has, it reports, been true, a large number of specialists. Nazi propaganda among the natives is intense, and is directed against the French; it emphasises that the French are defeated and weak, and that Germany is strong and will give Morocco independence.

Vichy is prepared to give way to Spain and to surrender a large slice of the Northern part of the French Zone to the Spaniards. In this scheme, however, what the Germans really desire is that Fez and Meknes should be included, so that they would obtain control of the railway running from the Atlantic coast to Algeria.

Back To Spain

The Spaniards are not at all keen on using force to occupy this part of Morocco as they fear that they might have the worst of a fight against the French North African forces, with the almost inevitable result that Germany would come in once again to "help" her.

Thus, if and when Hitler decided to strike there would be little organised resistance to their occupation of Port Lyautey, Casablanca, Agadir, and Dakar. Then, indeed, he might be in a position to threaten seriously the Cape route and still further, by action through South America, create a situation which could be most disquieting for the United States of America.

What, then, are the possibilities? It is certain now, as always, that Hitler will only respect the French Armistice so long as it

suits him, and that Darlan will accept his interpretation. It is quite possible that, in order to avoid difficulties in Spain, he might merely occupy the southern Spanish airfields in mass and use these together with those of the Spanish Zone as stepping-stones to the French Moroccan aerodromes.

Under his existing agreements with Darlan there is great probability that his land forces of armoured divisions would turn west through Tunisia and Algeria to Morocco. The French could not stop them and probably would not try. This would entail the occupation of Bizerta and Tunis.

General Weygand's Part

General Weygand has always said that he would defend North Africa against any aggressor, but when the policy of "collaboration" with Germany was adopted it became more than probable that Weygand would obey orders from Vichy if they reached him from the mouth of Marshal Petain.

General Nogues, at Algiers, appears to have little, if any, influence, having long since missed his opportunity. It must also be remembered that both these Generals are over 70. Weygand is also obsessed with his scarcity of material, and is still hoping for American supplies to bolster up French prestige and to prevent unrest among the natives. The outlook is not pleasant, as the occupation of Atlantic bases on the North African coasts is a real and even imminent danger, not only to Britain but also to the United States, and is one which must be faced probably quite soon.

ON PHONE— OFF MARK

A homesick conscript in training at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, was relaying firing commands when the order came, "Range 4,000."

Thinking of home the gunner passed on his phone number, "Range 8,192."

Now the Government is contesting a suit for three turkeys, a cow and a silo.

HOLIDAYS WITH RICH

Thousands of munition workers will each spend a week's holiday at a country estate if owners co-operate with the Ministry of Labour.

The Ministry plans to give home front workers opportunities for quiet relaxation near their homes.

The wealthy will be asked to open their grounds free to war workers.

To Restrict Travel

Local authorities and welfare organisations all over the country will soon be arranging swimming galas, cricket, golf, and sports meetings.

There will be music and dancing in the parks, and open-air theatricals. Theatres and cinemas will open earlier.

The main idea of this stay-at-home holiday scheme is to restrict travel to a minimum and prevent the disruption of supplies of food.

TELLS GOEBBELS WE "GIVE IT"

TO-DAY THE PEOPLE of Britain are giving it, not taking it, declared Quentin Reynolds, London correspondent of an American weekly paper, and commentator in the film, "London can take it," in the B.B.C. postscript.

Inviting Goebbels to listen, he said: "When Slap-Happy Hermann's little men come over now, the people of Britain no longer take their medicine with complacency."

"The civilians have inherited a legacy from those who died at Dunkirk, from those who fell at Crete — a legacy of active courage, Doctor."

"Destiny put Winston Churchill at the head of this nation. He is not only the leader of the people; he reflects their views. His aggressiveness, his contempt for your kind of civilisation — is that of the people of England."

"Britain is lashing out now, and her blows become stronger as her lifeline to Canada and America becomes stronger and less vulnerable."

"My country believes, with England — and has not been backward lately about showing belief — that they cannot live in peace and in Christian unity so long as your kind of pagan philosophy dominates half the world."

Song Of Freedom

"Keep listening, doctor, and one night — I hope soon — you'll hear a new song. Behind it you'll hear the voices of 130,000,000 united people singing the song of freedom."

I mean the anthem, doctor, that takes its name from the flag of my country — a country which this time will be proud to fight."

The so-called peace proposals of Goebbels and "Mr. H." were a clever stunt, said Mr. Reynolds. "We Americans in London were a bit annoyed when you coupled the name of Rudolph Hess with that of John Winant."

"Hess is a rat who left a sinking ship. We are becoming convinced that Winant is a great man. He didn't go back to America with any peace proposals. He merely went to make a report to his boss."

"Don't think too harshly of Hess. I think he's still an unrepentant Nazi. He tried to play God, Doctor. If he did come here with peace proposals, maybe he thought he could remain here a couple of days and then be sent back."

"There are 44,000,000 people on Churchill's island. Realise one thing — that these 44,000,000 people will die rather than submit to the kind of peace you want."

RED TANKS CRUSH TRAPPED GERMAN VEHICLES

THE GERMAN propaganda machine is angrily accusing Stalin of "the greatest tank bluff since tanks were introduced into warfare."

The Russians displayed only old model tanks at manoeuvres and parades at which foreign military attaches were present, the Germans declare. But secretly they built up a great force of improved machines.

OFFICERS IN HOTEL SCENE

An R.A.F. officer was stated at a Plymouth inquest to have smashed in the bedroom door panel of a Free French Navy lieutenant after a scene with a married woman.

The lieutenant fell to death from the fourth storey. His skull was fractured.

It was denied that the R.A.F. man had gone into his room.

The coroner recorded an open verdict, there being insufficient evidence to show how the injuries occurred.

Discussing a theory that the Frenchman, Ferdinand Louis Charles Garnier, 28, swung from the window ledge, a police pathologist said that there was "a good deal left unexplained."

Garnier, a well-built, muscular man, would have given a good account of himself if attacked, he added.

"He Got Angry"

The two officers and the married woman had adjoining rooms, and the woman said the R.A.F. officer suspected her of going in the Frenchman's room and was angry because he thought she spent too much time with him.

Mrs. Eva May Ermen, wife of an R.A.F. officer, said she met Pilot-Officer Stevens by arrangement at Plymouth, and they went to the Grand Hotel.

They and the Frenchman had been drinking in the lounge. Garnier went to bed about 2.30 a.m.

Soon after she went to the ladies' room opposite her bedroom and was returning to the lounge when she met Stevens on the stairs.

"He thought I had been in the Frenchman's room," she continued. "He got angry and began swearing. Then he went to the door of room 115 and banged the panel with his fist, breaking it in. I did not hear anybody speak."

Attentions "Marked"

"I asked him not to be so silly and to come away from the door. He did not enter."

Mrs. Ermen said Garnier's attentions were "at least sufficiently marked for me to notice it."

When Thelma Patton, a barmaid, told how Mrs. Ermen had asked her for a nail file and Garnier had taken it and filed one of Mrs. Ermen's nails, the coroner asked:

"Was there anything in the way in which Garnier filed the finger nail to suggest that he was making up to Mrs. Ermen? No. The coroner: Was he caressing her finger?—No."

Pilot-Officer Arthur Stevens, a married man, of Richmond, Surrey, said when he came downstairs for his key and found Garnier's room next to Mrs. Ermen's he lost his temper.

NAZIS' FRENCH WORKERS

Up to the end of June, 62,000 Frenchmen went to work in Germany, according to the Swiss Radio. These workers have an agreement for six months which can be extended.

Reporting this, the "Daily Express" correspondent at Stockholm (Sweden) says:—

"The Germans say that when the Russians appeared in battle they had types of tanks of which the German High Command had never even heard."

"At the outbreak of the war the Germans officially stated that the Russians had 9,000 tanks, in 46 brigades."

"The Germans now say that they have captured or destroyed 9,000 tanks, but the Russians have many left."

"This was discovered by the Germans in the much-advertised thrust to Vyazma, 100 miles along the Moscow road from Smolensk."

"German tanks and motorised infantry reached Vyazma but could not hold the village. They called for reinforcements, and the 137th German infantry division joined them."

"The Russians let this division reach Vyazma practically unhindered, but closed in behind."

"Then the Russians launched a crushing artillery and tank attack against the German tanks and infantry."

"Heavy Russian tanks charged straight at German tanks which had escaped the artillery fire. The Soviet monsters climbed on the smaller German machines, crushing them."

Scapegoats Sought

"The Panzer force and the 137th division were destroyed. At Vyazma alone, 3,000 German dead were counted."

The "Daily Express" correspondent says that, with Germans dying by the thousand in this manner, the German public is beginning to seek scapegoats.

"The Nazis will produce the scape-goats," he adds.

BIRTH STATISTICS

During the first half year of 1941, only 17,703 births were registered, as compared with 20,636 during the same period of 1940.

The Registrar-General of Births and Deaths points out that the registration of the births of all children within 14 days of birth is compulsory and failure to register is punishable by law.

Such failure is, in most cases, due to the ignorance of the parent or guardian of the provision of the Births and Deaths Ordinance. It is more frequently the case in the births of baby girls.

Many members of the Chinese community are under the misapprehension that registration is not necessary until after the first "full moon feast" has passed. This necessity may not appear to be important at the time the birth of the baby takes place, but in many walks of life a certificate of British birth is a very definite asset, especially in a British Colony, the holder being entitled to many privileges which are barred to the non-holder of such a birth certificate.

The Registrar-General appeals to all to enlighten parents who are ignorant of the need for and value of registration of the child's birth and points out that the carrying out of such a duty will be a service to the child and to the Community.

PENSION FOR OLD ILLNESS

Men suffering from an old illness that has been brought back by war service are to be granted disability pensions on their discharge from the Forces.

BRITISH GENERAL IN POLICE RAID

A British general and a Free French officer were found in an expensive New York apartment raided by police.

This was revealed when "the former Russian Princess Olga Proutelzhov" and three other women were released on bail at a women's court.

CLEVER RUSE BY RUSSIANS

How a Russian Officer, Lieut. Zhabin, lying in a dense copse, spent several days with 25 men behind the Nazi lines, killing a number of men and then escaping unscathed, is told in a story from the Russian front by Alexie Tolstoy.

"I found myself surrounded," Zhabin told Tolstoy. "Towards the evening two German motor trucks, packed with Fascists suspecting nothing, drove into Dubki."

"We calmly let the Germans through, and then began peppering them with our machine-guns. Our fire was so intense that they had to come out—and then we went at them with our bayonets."

"The Germans did not like it! Some managed to get away. Their officer dashed into a clump of reeds, and hid himself in the water with only his nostrils showing."

"We found important documents in his bag. We started up some German trucks and I and my 25 men piled into them, and drove along the front behind the Nazi lines."

"The Germans showed a blue light, the signal for us to stop, but we dashed through."

"As we approached a wooden bridge we heard a German call out. We sat in silence with rifles and hand grenades ready. The figures of two sentries moved out of the darkness."

"One stopped, the other pressed his nose against our glass cabin. Our eyes met. Suddenly he made a sign and whispered in broken Russian, 'Don't cross the bridge; the Germans there will shoot.'"

AIR RAID MAKE-UP IN BERLIN

The accuracy of R.A.F. bombing of Berlin has forced the Germans to use every trick of camouflage, declares Mr. Lincoln MacVeagh, formerly American Minister to Greece, who spent some time in Berlin on his way home.

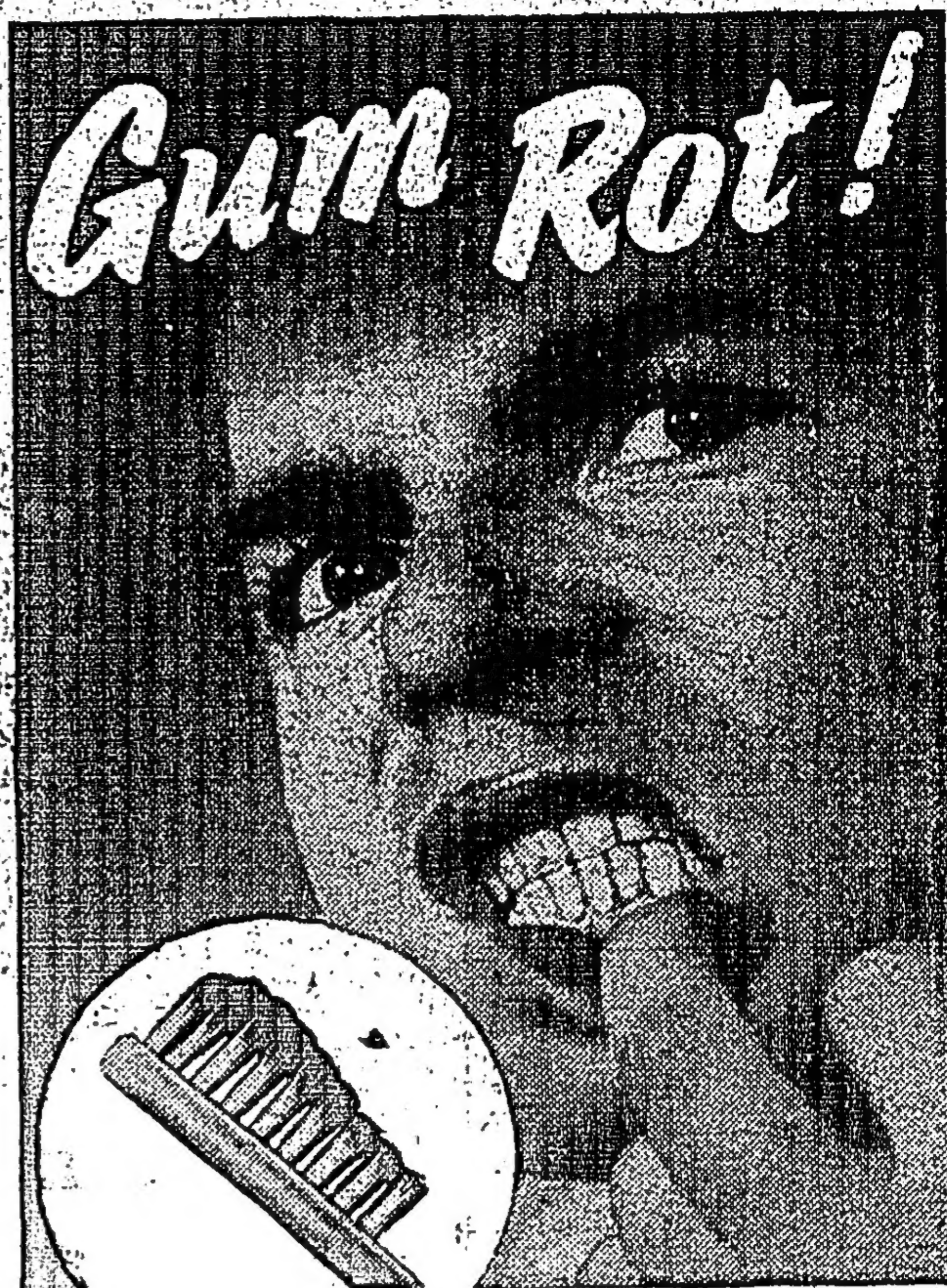
He explained that desperate attempts to disguise landmarks included the planting of full-grown trees, the tops of buildings were painted white, and bicycle paths a drab green. Nets hung above lakes make other lakes resemble traffic roundabouts.

These ruses, he added, failed to confuse the R.A.F., which did vast damage to Berlin, but workmen were put on quickly to repair it for fear of the effect on the population's morale.

Greeks Go Hungry

Mr. MacVeagh said that the Greeks were rapidly heading for a famine owing to German plunder and the disorganisation of agriculture.

The Germans, he said, forced 300,000 Greek troops to walk home from Albania, causing hungry soldiers to beg in the streets.



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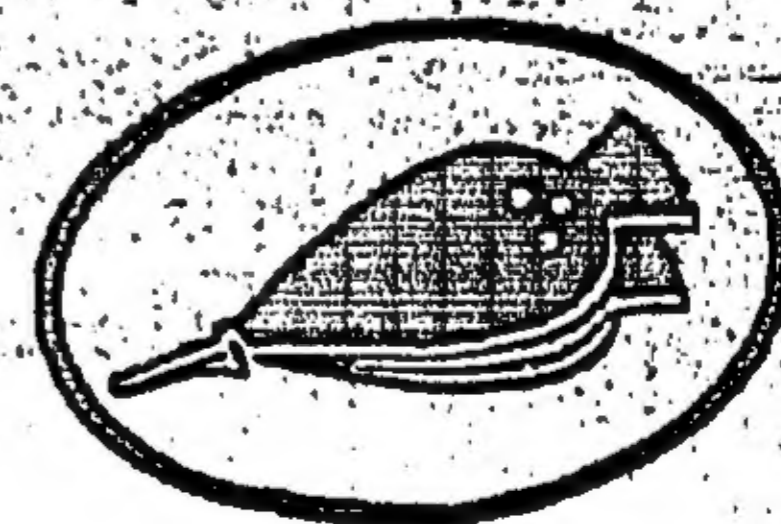
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NORTH

♠ 8 4
♥ 7 3
♦ A K 8 5 3
♣ A K 7 2

WEST

♠ K Q J 7 3
♥ K 8
♦ J 9 7 6
♣ 8 3

EAST

♠ 9 6 2
♥ Q 9 8 4
♦ 2
♣ J 10 6 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A 10 6
♥ A J 10 5 2
♦ Q 10 4
♣ Q 9

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♠	Pass	1♥	1♠
2♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of spades, and South held off until the third round of the suit. If East got the lead later on, South wanted to be sure that he couldn't return a spade. And, although it may not so appear on the surface, correct play risks that East may get the lead later on.

South could count eight tricks in top cards: one spade, one heart, three diamonds, and three clubs. He had to develop one additional trick without giving the lead to West. And that led out any development play in hearts. The only chance, therefore, was in diamonds.

At the fourth trick, South cashed the Queen of diamonds. Then he led the ten of diamonds. West ducked, hoping South either had no more diamonds or for some other reason was not planning to take a finesse. But that was exactly what South had in mind: he let the ten of diamonds ride for a finesse!

It held the trick, of course, and South made ten tricks without any trouble. Now, note that even if East had been able to win the diamond trick, he could not have made a return which would be dangerous to South. Declarer would have won any return and rattle off enough tricks to fulfill his contract. When this hand was played in a team-of-four match, the other South player failed to play the diamonds safely and lost his contract as a result.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and, with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ Q 10 7 5
♥ 8
♦ K J 5 2
♣ Q 9 4 3

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♠	2♥	(7)	

ANSWER: Bid two spades. You have a fairly strong hand in support of a spade bid. The free raise will indicate that fact. Score 100% for two spades, 0 for any other bid.

Question No. 820

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♠	2♥	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer Monday.)

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NUNS AID IN CRASH

Nuns left their convent near Slough (Bucks) and tore up their cloaks to bandage the injured in a rail crash.

The Plymouth-London night express was wrecked in a head-on collision with a goods train. Five people were killed—including three naval men—and twenty-three injured, five seriously.

5 Children Escape

The driver of the goods train, Sidney Clay, of Noel Road, Acton, London, W., although

BRITAIN READY TO OUT-BLITZ NAZIS

GREAT BRITAIN'S air offensive against Germany will "really start" when the nights are longer, and the Nazis "will have to invent a new word for 'Blitz' when it begins, Noel Monks, air correspondent of the London "Daily Mail," who recently arrived from England, declared in New York. Mr. Monks was a correspondent with the Royal Air Force in France.

"What Germany did to us last Winter was nothing to what we are going to do," he said in an interview in the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria. "Where we sent out a dozen bombers last Winter we will send out 200."

He emphasised, however, that in the official Air Ministry view "here is no such word as 're-primed,'" adding that all British raids were part of a long-range plan.

Sees Parity in Fighters

Describing the rise in strength of the R.A.F. as "fantastic," Mr. Monks said that at the same field where one Spitfire took off last year to intercept fourteen raiding Heinkels, one now saw 500 fighters preparing to escort hundreds of bombers over France in one day. England has about achieved parity in the number of fighting planes, he added.

He said the British had a new fighter in production that would "absolutely revolutionise air warfare." The new plane, the Typhoon, "can walk past a Spitfire," he said, "and our new Spitfire can do well over 400 miles per hour." He praised its manoeuvrability, its altitude, range and particularly its heavy fire power. "Nothing can live against this plane," he declared. "It will sweep the skies."

There is a move under way to have the engine for the Typhoon mass-produced in the United States, Mr. Monks disclosed. He called this new engine, the Sabre, "probably Britain's greatest in-

'THEY MIGHT MIX WITH MEN'

"The ballroom area is rather small. Frequently officers, N.C.O.s and men have to share the same table. In some dances they also dance with the same partner, and an officer might have to take his partner back to a table where N.C.O.s and other ranks may be sitting."

This was the excuse offered by the Southern Command headquarters, for having placed Bournemouth Municipal ballroom out of bounds to officers.

The Command's statement added: "While no cases suggesting any kind of friction have ever arisen, it is obviously undesirable that these conditions should be allowed to continue, since there is a possibility they might lay the groundwork for contention."

Why Not?

"It has always been the Army policy to avoid any possibility of this, and it was therefore thought desirable to allow only N.C.O.s and men to use the ballroom in the future."

Bournemouth people are laughing—and some of them are annoyed—at the excuse.

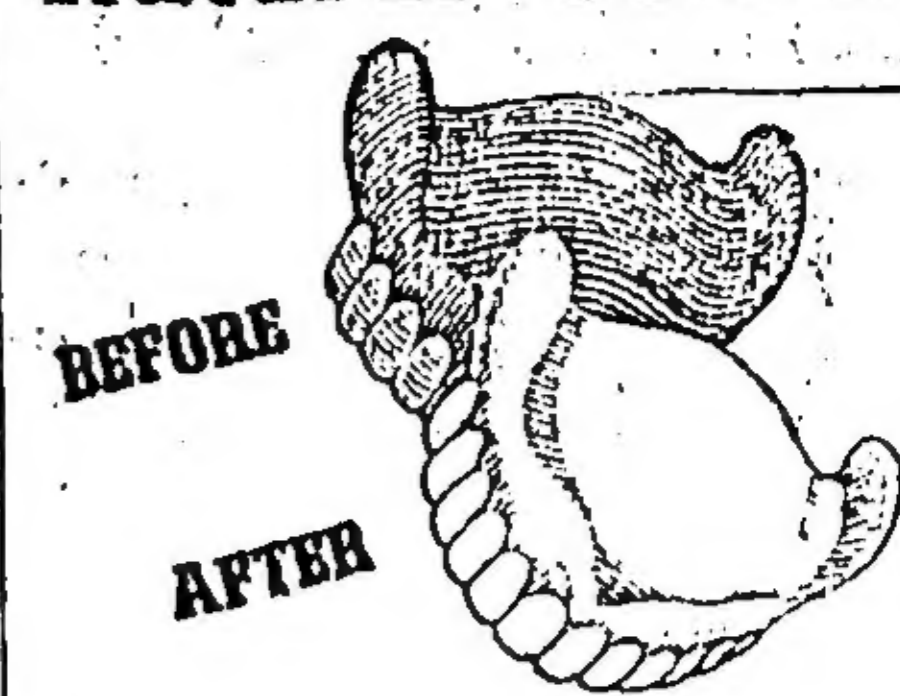
The municipal ballroom can comfortably accommodate about 500 dancers on the floor, and there is seating and table space for 700. Bournemouth people are wondering why officers should not be allowed to come into contact with N.C.O.s and men in this ballroom any more than in any other public ballroom, or, for that matter, on the Corporation's transport vehicles.

Injured, did rescue work for an hour before he collapsed and was taken to hospital.

A mother and five children were unhurt, although they were in the first coach.

The dead were: Mr. J. F. Bertram, of London Road, Earley, Reading; Chief Petty Officer George Antell; Able-Seaman Frederick Ives; Able-Seaman Harry Housley; and Mrs. Bate, of Barnstable, wife of the Rev. Ronald Arthur Hodgson Bate, a chaplain in the R.A.F. She leaves three children, aged 6, 4, and 1, baby of nine months.

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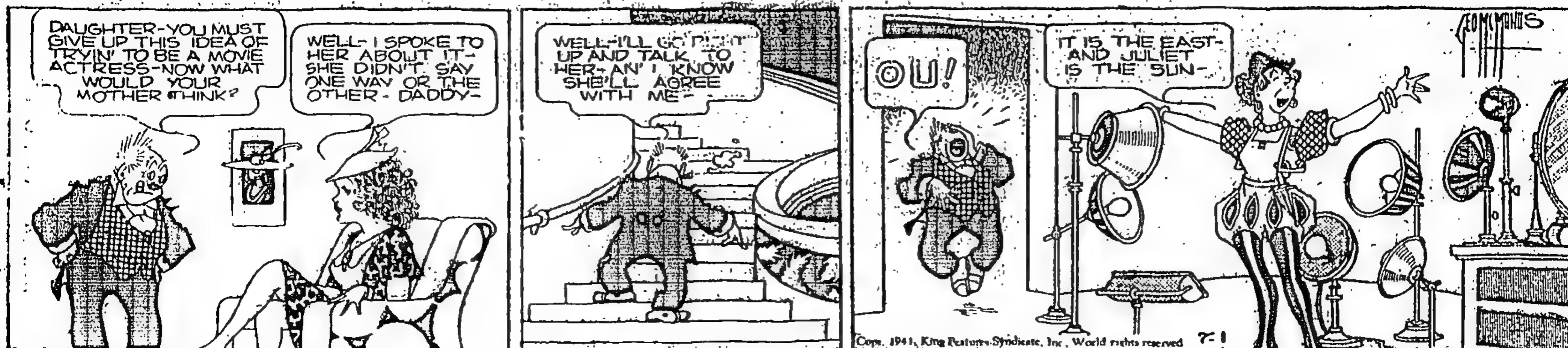
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A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Hips Whittled Away

Women who try to slenderise overweight hips frequently complain that the ordinary hip-reducing exercises do not reach those muscles over the hip joint. Thus their "spread" remains with them.

It is true that those hip muscles are very difficult to reduce, but here are four exercises from Miss Dorothy Nye who is a specialist in corrective movements for figure flaws. If they are repeated day in and day out for six weeks, the most stubborn of bulges will disappear.

Be sure to fold a blanket or exercise on a pad to prevent your body from being bruised. Wear a bathing suit or other loose fitting garment.

1—Lie on back with arms stretched out at sides. Pull right knee back to chest, swing it across to left side of body, then straight down to first position. Repeat with left knee. Thus alternate for twelve or more times.

2—Lie on right side, right arm under ear and left hand flat on mat in front of body to balance. Pull both knees back to chest, extend straight out in front of body, then down to first position. Repeat four times on right side, then turn over on left side. Repeat entire movement eight times or more, up to sixteen times.

3—Lie on your back, arms out to side. Keeping shoulders flat on the mat, pull both knees back to chest and roll knees over to right side, then to left side. Continue to roll. You will travel down the mat as you roll. Repeat ten more times. Rest, ten more times. If done correctly this is most efficacious.

4—Kneel and stretch both arms



Cabina Wright exercises diligently to keep her figure nicely proportioned. "Even tall slender girls must avoid hip bulges," warns the aspiring star.

upward. Keep arms in this position throughout the following exercises. Bend the body to the right, pushing the hips out to the left side and lower them to the

mat as far as possible. Return to starting position and then bend to left side. Repeat four times, rest. Four more times, rest, four more times.

Health Rules Like Play

The fretful, irritable child who at home does not like to keep his body washed, or eat well-balanced meals, or go to bed on time, or do his daily chores, soon discovers at a scout camp that he is out of step with his other

companions and rather than be ignored, he buckles down to playing the game. In no time at all he likes making himself healthy.

Mothers might well adopt camp methods during the summer.

The schedule must include all the necessary steps of grooming which keep young bodies well. Clean teeth, a shower or bath each morning, hair kept clean and combed, fingernails clean, plenty of sleep, all food eaten which is set before them. Then there should be certain chores for them to do regularly at the same hours each day. Once the chores have been done the children should feel free to play, and it is a wise parent who guides his children toward hobbies for fun.

A Child's Outfit

Most children respond readily to such a schedule if it is presented to them as a game. "We are going to camp right here for the summer," the parent should explain. "Each of you will pretend you are in a camp which is regimented. We will get up the same hour each day and go to bed. Each of us must groom himself thoroughly each day. There will be good marks for good work, and surprise rewards for the fellow who comes up on top. Each of you will be outfitted with what you need—shampoo for your hair, soap for your skin, toothbrush and powder and dental floss, a nail brush and file, hair comb and brush. You will take care of your own room and clothes. Any slacker will lose out—just as in any other camp. So good luck!"

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Many a grooming lesson may be taught children by the lake or sea. How to keep bodies clean with soap and water is, of course, the primary one.

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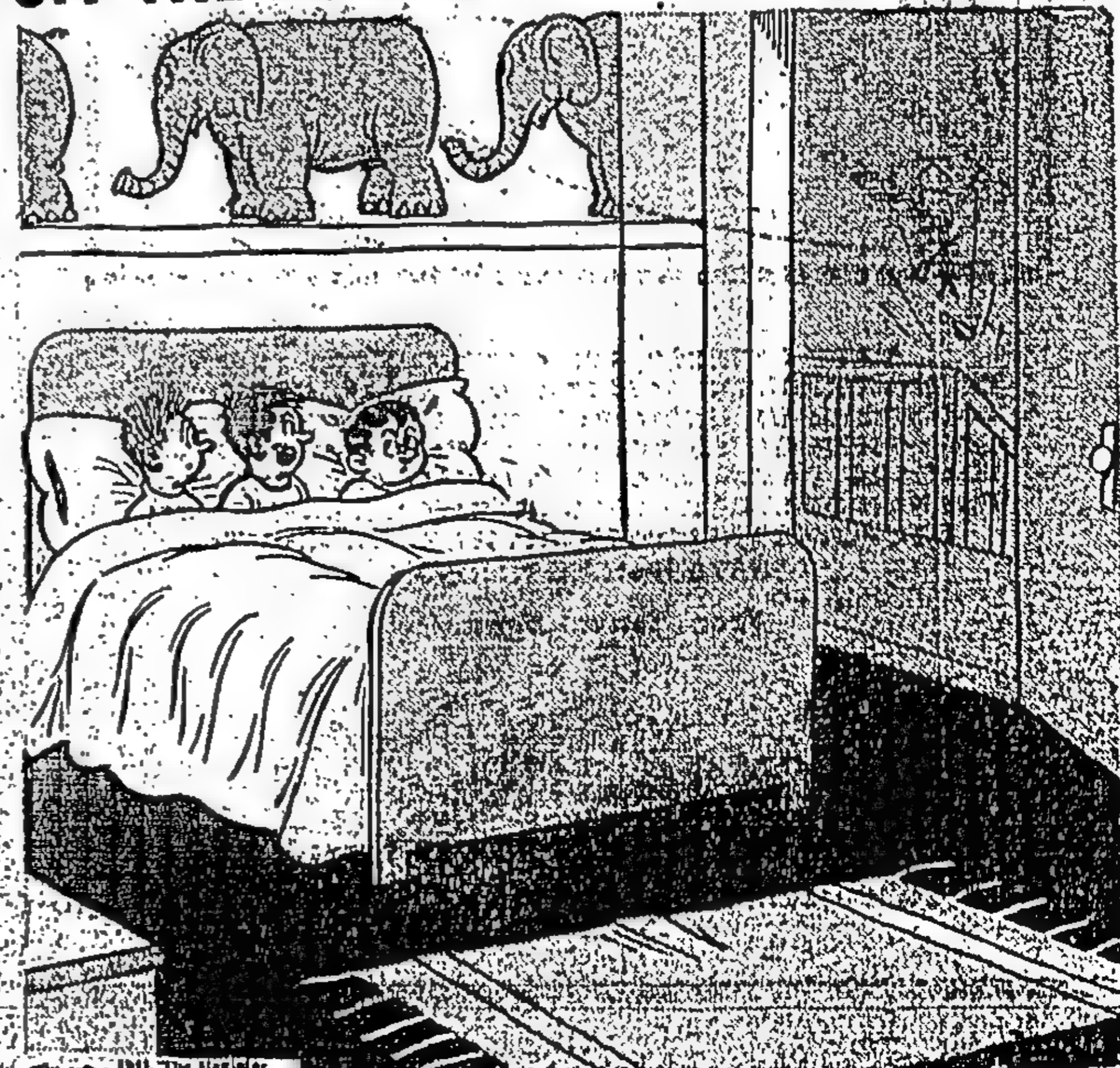
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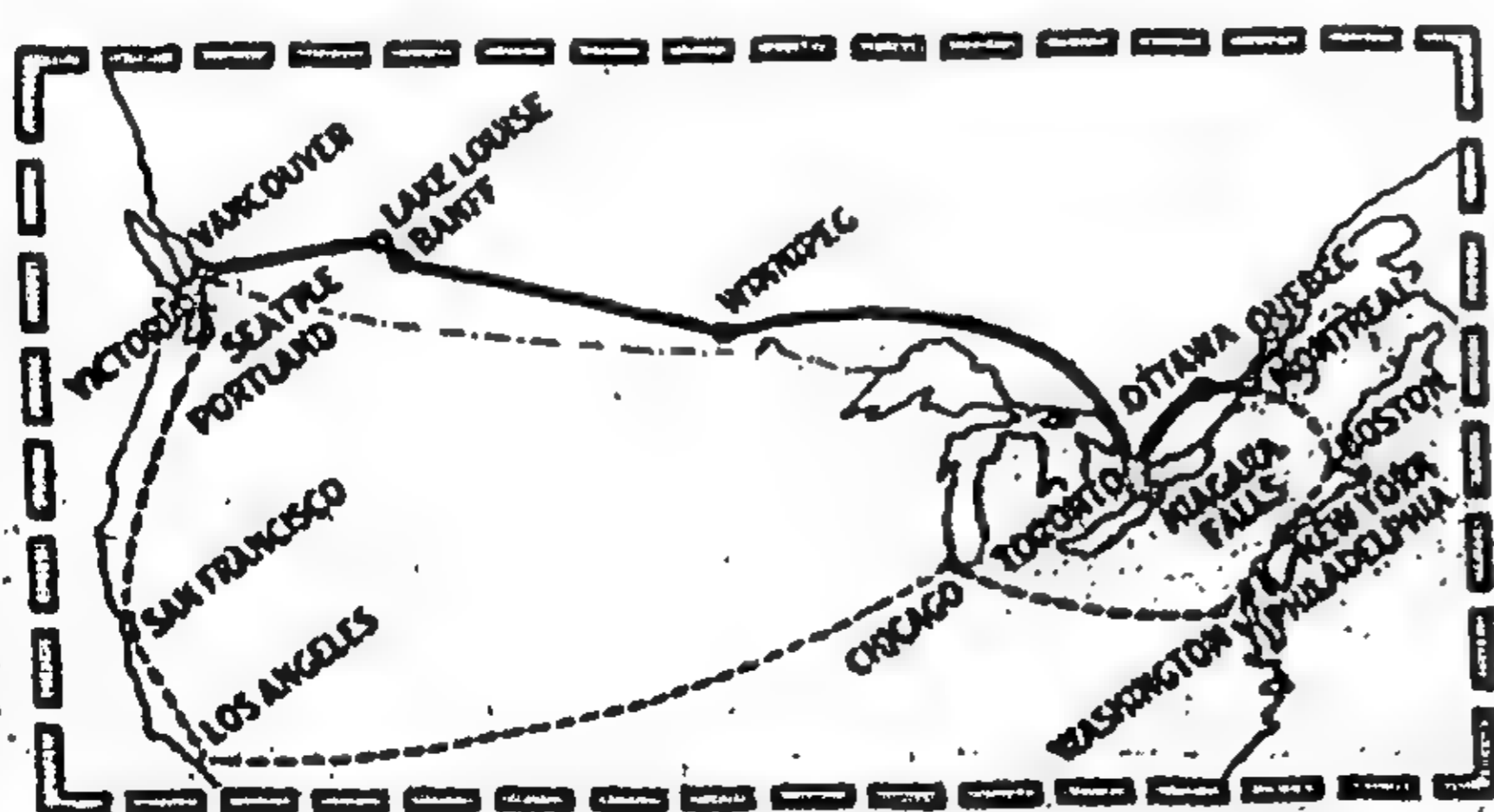
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RADIO

Hottest June Day In 9 Years

ONLY ELEVEN DAYS after the coldest June day for five years, London had its hottest June day on record during the first three weeks of the most amazing June weather on record.

The first ten days of June were miserably cold and wet, until on June 11 the minimum temperature as recorded in Regent Street, London, W., dropped to 45 degrees, the lowest for June since 1936.

Then soon after the sudden transformation of seasons, London had its hottest June day on record on Sunday, the 22nd.

The maximum temperature recorded in Regent Street was 91 degrees.

Not for nine years has there been such a hot day, and then it was in August, not June.

Hail Like Marbles

On the same night one of the biggest storms ever to break in North-East England robbed thousands of Tynesiders of their Sunday evening's "pint."

Pubs were closed and customers turned away. The beer barrels in the cellars were covered by water.

The storm followed days of brilliant weather and lasted three hours.

During these hours—

Hundreds of gardens and allotments were ruined;
Hailstones fell as big as marbles;

Floods ripped up roads and pushed down brick walls; and
A thunderbolt tore off thousands of chimneys and slates.

People had to wade thigh deep in water to get home. Transport services were cancelled.



The gay young blade says one good thing about these summer romances is their short duration.

Bernardo Alemany & his Argentine Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Pyramid: This Is Romance... Artie Shaw & his Orch.
Waltzes—Don't Ask Me Why: Two Hearts In Waltz Time... Harry Horlick & his Orchestra.
Fox-Trots—Goodnight, Children Everywhere... Fara, The Well... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.
11.15 p.m.—London Relay—Variety.
12 midnight—Close down.



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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—Duke Ellington and His Orchestra.
Swing Fox-Trots—Cotton Tail: Never No Lament (Ellington).
Fox-Trots—Sepia Panorama: Harlem Air-Shift (Ellington).
Swing Fox-Trots—You, You Darlin' (Scholl-Jerome); So Far So Good (Lawrence-Mundy-White).
Fox-Trots—Take The "A" Train (Strayhorn); The Sidewalks Of New York (Lawlor-Blake).
Swing Fox-Trot—Show Boat Shuffle (Ellington).
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.
1.02 p.m.—A Programme of Spanish Music.
Aire Andaluz: Pasacalle—Pasodoble (Lucena)... Cordoba Philharmonic Orchestra.
La Paloma (The Dove—Yradier); La Mantilla (The Mantilla)... Celestino Sarobe (Baritone) with Orchestral accompaniment.
Vito (Spanish Dance) Op. 54, No. 5 (Popper)... Pablo Casals (Cello) with Piano accompaniment.
Soneto A Cordoba (Manuel de Falla)... Maria Barrientos (Soprano) with De Falla (Piano).
La Habanera, Habanera (Lucena)... Cordoba Philharmonic Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Light Opera Selections.
"The Maid Of The Mountains"—Vocal Gems (Fraser-Simpson)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
The Three Waltzes—Selection (Strauss—after J. Strauss)... Orchestra.
Georges Tzipine with Organ.
"The Student Prince"—Vocal Gems (Romberg)... Light Opera Company with Orchestra.
"The Student Prince"—Selection... The Savoy Orpheans.
"Les Cloches De Corneville"—Selection (Planquette)... De Groot & his Orchestra.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.
6.47 p.m.—Vincent Wallace's Opera "Maritana".
The Characters & Soloists in order of appearance: Maritana... Miriam Licette (Soprano); Don Jose De Santarem... Dennis Noble (Bartitone); Lazarillo... Clara Serena (Contralto); Don Caesar de Bazan... Heddie Nash (Tenor); and The Grand Opera Company with Orch.
7.28 p.m.—A Tchaikovsky Programme.
Nutcracker Suite, Op. 71A—Miniature Overture—March—Dance of the Sugar Plum—Fairy—Arab Dance—Chinese Dance—Dance of the Flutes—Waltz of the Flowers... Leopold Stokowski & The Philadelphia Orch.
In A Three-Horse Sleigh, Op. 37, No. 7... Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano Solo).
Romance... The New Light Symphony Orchestra.
8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.
8.25 p.m.—London Relay—"Listening Post". Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
8.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Calling British Forces in the Far East".
9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Programme Summary and Announcements.
9.02 p.m.—Studio—Vocal Duets and Solos by Bill Samways and Freddie Archer with own piano accompaniment.
1. Walkin' Thru' Mockin' Bird Lane... Bill Samways and Freddie Archer.
2. If I Should Fall In Love Again... Vocal Duet with Freddie Archer at the Piano.
3. A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square... Bill Samways with F. Archer at the Piano.
4. All This and Heaven Too... Bill Samways (solo) with Freddie Archer at the Piano.
5. The Singing Hills... Vocal Duet with Freddie Archer at the Piano.
6. In A Little Rocky Valley... Vocal Duet with Freddie Archer at the Piano.
9.20 p.m.—Variety with Billy Russell.
Orchestra—Sha-Sha (Kurtz-Van Heusen); Alexander's Got A Swing Band Now (Reynolds)... Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins.
Comedian—On Behalf Of The Working Classes (Russell)... Billy Russell.
Piano Duet—Tin Pan Alley Medley—Intro: Playmates; No Mama No; I Hear Bluebirds... Ivor Moreton & Dave Kaye.
Vocal—Ho! Sa Bonito (Froeba, Alexander)... The Merry Maes with Orchestra.
9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).
9.45 p.m.—Sydney Gustard at the Organ.
Eric Coates Medley—Intro: Knightsbridge March; Northwards (Four Ways Suite); Waltz from "Cinderella"; "The Three Bears"; London Bridge March.
Hermann Lehr Medley—Intro: Little Grey Home In The West; The Little Irish Girl; Rags Of My Heart; Where My Caravan Has Rested; Leonore.
Serenade (Toselli).
10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.
10.15 p.m.—Local Sports Results.
10.18 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Devil May Care; I Bought A Wooden Whistle... Jimmy Dorsey & his Orchestra.
Tango—Fox-Trot—Adios Mi Chaparrita; Medley One Step—Alla En El Rancho Grande... Emilio Caceres & his "Elito Agulla" Orchestra.
Quick-Step—There's A Boy Coming Home—On Leave; Waltz—Who's Taking You Home Tonight?... Billy Cotton & his Band.
Fox-Trots—Jolly Pater; Down South (An American Sketch)... The Mill Herts Trio.
Quick-Step—Give A Little Whistle; Fox-Trot—Little Wooden Head (both from film "Pinocchio")... Jack Hylton & his Orchestra.
Tango—Mala Juita; "La Tabladora"

DESERT ARMY'S ONE LUXURY

FROM RICHARD CAPELL

Indian troops, of whom I have seen a good deal lately in the Western Desert, seem to be expressing with their haughty air a wordless disdain for this featureless landscape.

But behind an apparent indifference these magnificent-looking Sikhs, Punjabis and the rest conceal the liveliest pride in Indian feats of arms in the desert and Eritrea—pride monosyllabically expressed by "izzat," meaning honour or "I have done my bit."

To give an example of the feats accomplished by Indian troops in the Abyssinian campaign, 56 field guns of one division fired 180,000 rounds during March alone.

It is easy enough to talk to non-commissioned officers, havildars and nalks. Most of them speak English; some speak it excellently.

Occasionally letters from India arrive, appealing for leave for the father of a family on the ground that, in the words of one, "his absence is preventing the production of flowers." The authorities are far from unsympathetic, as is shown by the fact that one havildar was sent home because his wife would not undergo an operation for appendicitis in his absence.

Numerous N.C.O.'s are returning to India to form cadres for the new vastly expanding Indian Army.

Healthy Army

Though life is hard here, all the troops, British and Indian alike, are healthy. Lucky are those near a water supply. Those further away must restrict themselves to a gallon a day.

When those at home think of their relations out here, they must imagine husbands, sons and brothers sun-baked to colours from brick to copper, with dark men hardly distinguishable from Indians. The desert army's life comprises one single pleasure—sea bathing. Men make incredibly arduous journeys for the sake of this luxury.

The monotony of some quiet days was broken when a German staff captain, losing his way, mistook our lines. Such mistakes are perfectly understandable along such an undefined front.

HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders by Colonel H. B. Rose, M.C., Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.
HONG KONG.
Friday, 12th September, 1941.

1. OBITUARY

The Commandant regrets to announce the death of No. 4651 Pte. N. O. Kring, No. 1 Company, which occurred on 7.9.41.

2. RECRUITS' MEDICAL EXAMINATION

There will be no Recruits' Medical Examination on Fri. 19th September.

3. DETAIL

Corps Orderly N.C.O. H.Q. 5.25 p.m. each day.

Mon. 15th Sept. to be detailed by O.C. No. 4 Company.

Tues. 16th Sept. to be detailed by O.C. 3rd Battery.

Wed. 17th Sept. to be detailed by 2nd Battery.

Thurs. 18th Sept. to be detailed by 4th Battery.

Fri. 19th Sept. to be detailed by O.C. No. 1 Company.

4. PROMOTION

Extract from Government Gazette No. 54 of the 9.9.41.

"1059—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotion in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 23rd Aug. 1941.

Gunner Hugh Gordon Muir to be Second Lieutenant, 2nd Sept. 1941."

5. LECTURES

Mon. 15th Sept. 5.45 p.m. No. 1 Lecture Room. Officers of the following units to attend. Lecture by the Adjutant on Manning Exercise.

Corps Art., No. 2 Coy., No. 6 Coy., A.S.C. Coy. and Fd. Amb.

Tues. 16th Sept. 5.45 p.m. No. 1 Lecture Room. Officers of the following units to attend. Lecture by the Adjutant on Manning Exercise.

Corps Sigs., Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 Coys. and Pay Sec.

(O's C. Fd. Coy. Engrs. and Mob. Coln. will each send a representative on either day.)

Parades—Corps Artillery.

6. PARADES

(a) CORPS ARTILLERY

i. POSTING

2/Lt. H. G. Muir posted to 1st Bty. but temporarily attached to 2nd Bty.

ii. CLASSES OF INSTRUCTION

Mon. 15th Sept. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

C. A. Signalling Class, Squad 'A'.

Mon. 15th Sept. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

Recruits' Class under C.A.S.M.

J. M. Jack. Dress—Overalls, belt, frog, rifle sling and S.D. cap.

Wed. 17th Sept. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

C. A. Signalling Class, Squad 'B'.

Wed. 17th Sept. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

Recruits' Class under C.A.S.M.

J. M. Jack. Dress as above.

iii. 1ST BATTERY

Tues. 16th Sept. 3 p.m. H.Q.

All. ½ day training at D'Agall.

Dress as laid down for ½ day training.

Fatigue Party as detailed to parade at 2.30 p.m.

iv. 2ND BATTERY

Thurs. 18th Sept. 2.30 p.m. H.Q.

Left Sec. No. 2 Fatigue Party.

3 p.m. All. ½ day training at Bluff.

Dress as laid down for ½ day training.

v. 3RD BATTERY

Tues. 16th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

All members. "Points raised by recent manning exercise." Dress—Muffi.

Tues. 16th Sept. 6.30 p.m. H.Q.

B.C.A. Class. Dress—Muffi.

Fri. 19th Sept. 5.15 p.m. H.Q.

Advance Party. 6 p.m. H.Q. All members. Week-end Camp at Aberdeen. Dress—Fighting Order, shirt sleeves, trousers. All spare kit to be carried in kit bag.

vi. 4TH BATTERY

Tues. 16th Sept. H.Q. 2.45 p.m.

All. ½ day training at Pakshawan. Dress as laid down for ½ day training.

Thurs. 18th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

Gun Secs. Foot and arms drill. Dress—S.D. caps. Overalls, web-belt and frog.

Thurs. 18th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q. As detailed. Thompson Gun instruction. Dress—Overalls and slings.

Thurs. 18th Sept. 6.15 p.m. As detailed. B.C.A. Class. Dress—Muffi.

vii. 5TH A.A. BATTERY

Tues. 16th Sept. 3 p.m. H.Q.

No. 1 Sec. ½ day training. Dress as laid down for ½ day training.

Wed. 17th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

Nos. 1 and 2 Secs. Dress—Muffi. Lecture.

Thurs. 18th Sept. 3 p.m. H.Q.

No. 2 Sec. ½ day training. Dress as laid down for ½ day training.

(b) FIELD COMPANY

ENGINEERS

Mon. 15th Sept. 5.30 p.m. K.C.R. Company parade. Dress—Muffi.

Overalls to be carried. Arms drill.

Thurs. 18th Sept. 2.30 p.m. K.C.R. Company parade. Dress—Helmets, shirts, shorts, hose-

tops, boots and puttees. Technical training under section arrangements.

(c) CORPS SIGNALS

Mon. 15th Sept. 5.20 p.m. H.Q.

(i) N.C.O.s. Thompson S. M. G. Recapitulation. (ii) Detach. Sig. training as detailed. (iii) Training Cadre & Recruits: Completion of Lecture No. 10. (iv) Instrument Mechanics Class.

Wed. 17th Sept. 2 p.m. H.Q.

(i) 1st and 2nd Secs. Dress as usual but belts only. Field Sanitation.

(ii) Mainland Sec. Dress as usual but belts only. Hellograph, U.C. Sw. Bd. Lamp signalling.

(iii) All members. Kit inspection.

(iv) All members. Lecture on Manning Exercises.

Fri. 19th Sept. 5 p.m. H.Q.

(i) As detailed. Weapon training.

(ii) As detailed. M.T. training. Murray Parade Ground.

(iii) Remainder. Training as detailed.

(d) MOBILE COLUMN

Mon. 15th Sept. 5.30 p.m. Hung Hom. Those detailed. Dress—Overalls. Driving instruction.

Wed. 17th Sept. 2.30 p.m. H.Q.

All Platoons. Dress—Drill order, shirt sleeves, helmets. L.G. and V.G. instruction. Thompson S.M.G.

Fri. 19th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

All Platoons. Dress as previously detailed. Nos. 1 and 2 A/C Secs. V.G. and L.G. recapitulation. Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Platoons. Thompson S.M.G.

(e) NO. 1 COMPANY

Mon. 15th Sept. 2.30 p.m. Star Ferry. Kowloon. N.C.O.s as detailed. Dress as ordered. T.E.W.T. Castle Peak Road. 2.30 p.m. H.Q. Remainder. Dress as ordered. ½ day training.

Tues. 16th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

N.C.O.s. Dress as ordered. Bayonet fighting.

Tues. 16th Sept. 5.45 p.m. H.Q.

Officers. Dress—Muffi. Lecture—Manning Exercise.

Fri. 19th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

Coy. parade. Dress—Muffi. Weapon training.

(f) NO. 2 COMPANY

Tues. 16th Sept. 5.30 p.m. Kowloon Dock. No. 6 Pln. Dress—Muffi. Weapon training.

Wed. 17th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

No. 7 Pln. Dress—Muffi. Thompson S.M.G.

Fri. 19th Sept. 2 p.m. H.Q.

Coy. parade. Dress—Battle Order. ½ day training.

(g) NO. 3 COMPANY

Sun. 14th Sept. 8 a.m. H.Q.

Those detailed. Dress—Fighting Order, shirt sleeves, less haversack and waterbottle. S.A.T. Rifle at Peak Range.

Mon. 15th Sept. 2.15 p.m. H.Q.

Coy. parade. Dress as before. Training as in Coy. programme.

Thurs. 18th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

Company parade. Dress—Overalls and S.D. caps. Training as in Coy. programme.

(h) NO. 4 COMPANY

Mon. 15th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

Coy. parade. Dress—Muffi. Weapon training.

Wed. 17th Sept. 2 p.m. H.Q.

Sec. A. Drill order less pouches. Helmets. T.E.W.T. at 185749. Re-

mainder of Coy. Dress—Drill Order, helmets. Weapon training.

(i) NO. 5 COMPANY

Mon. 15th Sept. 2.15 p.m. H.Q.

Whole Coy. except those detailed for T.E.W.T. Dress as above. M.G. Training. Those detailed for T.E.W.T. K.C.R. Stn. 2 p.m.

Fri. 19th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

Whole Coy. Weapon Training. T.O.E.T.

(j) NO. 6 COMPANY

Tues. 16th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

Whole Coy. Dress—Muffi. Semaphore.

Fri. 19th Sept. 2.30 p.m. H.Q.

N.C.O.s. 22 Pln. Dress—Boots, puttees, shorts, shirts, S.D. cap, helmet over left shoulder web equipment less haversack and waterbottle. T.E.W.T. Remainder. Same dress. Battle formations.

Sun. 21st Sept. 8 a.m. Queen's Pier. Whole Company. Dress—Musketry Order—Helmets. Weapon Training Course. (Launch leaves Kowloon Police Pier at 8.30 a.m.).

(k) NO. 7 COMPANY

Mon. 15th Sept. 5.45 p.m. H.Q.

Nos. 1s and 2s. Dress—Overalls and belt. Pistol instruction. Remainder. Dress—Overalls. Bayonet training.

Fri. 19th Sept. 2.30 p.m. H.Q.

25 Pln. Officers and N.C.O.s. Dress—Summer. S.D. caps, belts. T.E.W.T.

Fri. 19th Sept. 2.30 p.m. H.Q.

Company parade. Dress—Fighting Order—Summer. S.D. caps. (i) L.G. Nos. 1s and 2s Fire pistol course. Kennedy Road. (ii) Remainder. L.G. 1.A. Blindfold. Bayonet training.

(l) ARMY SERVICE CORPS COMPANY

Mon. to Sun. 15th to 21st Sept. Transport and Supply Secs. Weekly duties as ordered. Dress as before. Duty Officers as detailed.

Tues. 16th Sept. 5.20 p.m. St. John's Place. Whole Coy. Dress—Muffi. Gas drill.

Thurs. 18th Sept. 5.20 p.m. St. John's Place. Whole Coy. Dress—Muffi. Lecture by Capt. Crewe, R.A.S.C.

Fri. 19th Sept. 5.15 p.m. Murray Parade Ground. Those detailed. Overalls and S.D. caps. Motor cycling instruction.

Sun. 28th Sept. All day exercise. Details later.

(m) FIELD AMBULANCE

Wed. 17th Sept. 2.30 p.m. H.Q.

All N.C.O.s and promotion Class. Dress—Review Order. Inspection of Ordnance Stores.

Fri. 19th Sept. 5.30 p.m. H.Q.

Those detailed. Review order. Promotion Class.

Thurs. 18th Sept. 5-6 p.m. H.Q.

Dress—Muffi. Kit exchange.

(n) PAY SECTION

Tues. 16th Sept. 5.30 p.m. Vol. H.Q. All Ranks. Dress—Muffi.

Weapon Training.

Thurs. 18th Sept. 8.30 a.m. Comd. H.Q. No. 1 Sub. Sec. Uniform. Pay Duties.

Thurs. 18th Sept. 5.30 p.m. Vol. H.Q. All Ranks. Dress—Muffi. Weapon training.

Fri. 19th Sept. 8.30 a.m. Comd. H.Q. No. 2 Sub. Sec. Uniform. Pay Duties.

Orderly Sergeant for week—Sgt. W. J. Woolley.

(o) FORTRESS SIGNAL COMPANY

Tues. 16th Sept. 2.30 p.m. Exchange Bldg. Dress—Muffi. L.G. revision.

Fri. 19th Sept. 2.30 p.m. Exchange Bldg. Dress—Muffi. L.G. revision.

STRENGTH DECREASE

C.A.Q.M.S. J. S. Beach, Corps Art. H.Q.—1.7.41.

Cpl. L. A. R. Duncan, A.S.C. Coy.—2.7.41.

L/Cpl. R. M. Wright, No. 2 Coy.—2.7.41.

Gnr. S. Stakland, 2nd Bty.—2.6.41.

Pte. E. C. Lawrence, A.S.C. Coy.—2.6.41.

Pte. G. A. da Luz, Fd. Amb.—2.6.41.

Pte. J. R. L. Stanton, Corps H.Q.—1.9.41.

Pte. A. H. Kellaway, No. 1 Coy.—1.9.41.

Cpl. W. Wright, A.S.C. Coy.—2.9.41.

Pte. G. Mortimer, A.S.C. Coy.—4.9.41.

Pte. D. L. Newbigging, Training Cadre—4.9.41.

Gnr. G. S. P. Heywood, 2nd Bty.—5.9.41.

8. TRANSFERS

Pte. H. J. Woolley from No. 1 Coy. to A.S.C. Coy.—2.9.41.

Pte. H. Cole from Mob. Coln. to A.S.C. Coy.—3.9.41.

9. APPOINTMENT

Sgt. H. V. Pearce, A.S.C. Coy. to be Pte. (by order of the Commandant)—0.9.41.

E. N. THURSBY, Capt., Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

NOTICES

1. BOWLS INTER-UNIT COMPETITION

Units are requested to send representatives to a meeting which will be held on Wed. 17th Sept. at 5.30 p.m. at No. 2 Lecture Room, to make arrangements for the "China Mail" Cup.

2. SERGEANTS' MESS GENERAL MEETING

A Sergeants' Mess General Meeting will be held in No. 1 Lecture Room on Wed. 24th Sept. at 5.30 p.m. All members not on duty will attend.

3. SERGEANTS' MESS COMMITTEE MEETING

A Sergeants' Mess Committee Meeting will be held in No. 1 Lecture Room on Wed. 24th Sept. at 6.30 p.m. All members of the Committee will attend.

AFFILIATED UNIT

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

1. LECTURE

Fri. 19th Sept. 5.45 p.m. St. John's Cathedral Hall. Dress—Uniform. 1st Aid lecture.

2. RESPIRATORS

Wed. 17th Sept. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Nursing Detachment Office. Return Service Respirators.

3. HOSPITAL ATTACHMENT

Miss M. M. Eardley, Mrs. S. M. Mackinlay and Mrs. I. Ritchie—25.8.41—1.9.41.

Mrs. O. B. Burt and Miss E. Griffin 1.9.41—8.9.41.

4. LEAVE

Mrs. W. Wallis 30.8.41—30.9.41.

Mrs. E. A. Fiddie 31.8.41—30.11.41.

Mrs. W. W. Whittaker 15.9.41—27.10.41.

Sgt. I. M. S. BRAUDE, Commandant, Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D.C.

BOMBS FELL, HE PLAYED ON

Kneeling in an underground studio while bombs crashed all around and A.A. guns roared, Paul Beard, leader of the B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra, played his violin so that listeners should have their Sunday night Epilogue.

Beside him were Stuart Hibberd, Chief Announcer, and Dr. J. W. Welch, Director of Religious Broadcasting.

They kept the Epilogue going despite the fact that one of the heaviest blitzes on Bristol had prevented the B.B.C. Singers from reaching the studio.

While engineers worked in a small emergency control room next door, Paul Beard knelt to be near the microphone while he played Bach's Air on the G String.

Dr. Welch and Stuart Hibberd sat on the floor to speak the Epilogue.

The story was revealed by the West Regional Director of the B.B.C. Mr. S. J. de Lotbiniere, speaking at Bristol.

ONE DAY RAIDER—AND HE CRASHED

ONLY ONE ENEMY AIRCRAFT WAS OVER BRITAIN. THE OTHER DAY, IT CRASHED ON THE CORNISH COAST.

The crew of four, all young Germans, were killed when the aeroplane, a Junkers 88, burned fiercely in a cornfield at Trevilly Farm, Land's End.

People were unable to approach because machine-gun bullets were popping off for half an hour.

Two bombs which were wrecked off when the machine struck did not explode.

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BACK TO FOOTBALL

By "Referee"

THE LOCAL SOCCER SEASON UNOFFICIALLY OPENS TO-DAY WITH A CHARITY GAME AT CAROLINE HILL AT 4.45 P.M., BETWEEN HONG KONG CHINESE AND SHANGHAI CHINESE IN AID OF AN ENDOWMENT FUND FOR A SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF THE LATE CHEN CHEN-WO ("DARKY" CHEN), ALL-CHINA PLAYER, AT CHINAN UNIVERSITY, SHANGHAI.

A SIMILAR GAME AT THE END OF LAST SEASON ENDED IN A 1-1 DRAW, AND IT IS HOPED THAT SUFFICIENT WILL BE RAISED TO-DAY TO PROVIDE A PERMANENT SCHOLARSHIP.

Both teams are evenly matched in the attack, Hong Kong Chinese having the services of Fung King-cheong, Lai Shui-wing and Hau Ching-to, while Shanghai's attack will include V. K. Hyul, Lee Wai-tong and Lee Shek-yau.

Several friendly games will also be played this afternoon—Kowloon entertain Kwong Wah at Chatham Road and Hong Kong Football Club are at home to Royal Engineers, newcomers to First Division.

To-morrow Police entertain Eastern in First Division at Boundary Street, while at Caroline Hill South China will meet Middlesex.

Following are some of the teams—

HONG KONG CHINESE—Tam Kwantok; Hau Yung-sang and Lee Tin-sang; Kwok Ying-kee, Soong Ling-sing and Tse Kam-hing; Lee Tak-kee, Fung King-cheong, Chan Tak-fai, Lai Shui-wing (Capt.) and Hau Ching-to.
Reserves: Tsang Chung-wan, Lam Tak-po, Lo Wai-kuen, Tang Kwong-sum, Wong King-chung and Cheuk Shek-kam.

SHANGHAI CHINESE—Cheung Wing-choi; Ng Kae-cheung and Yim Shu-hum; Lau Chi-chun, Chang Kam-hoi and Kui Wing-tuk; Chung Yung-sum.

AH Q WIN BY ODD GOAL IN THIRTEEN

At Causeway Bay yesterday, Ah Q Football Club beat Koon Kwun in the Emporium Shield Miniature Football competition by 7 goals to 6.

Lau Fook-chuen 3; Hau Ching-to 2; Hsu King-shing and H. H. Yu scored for Ah Q and Chu Kam-sing 2; Soong Ling-sing 2; Mak So; and Ho Yau-ki for Koon Kwun.



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TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Following is the soccer programme for the week-end:

TO-DAY
CHARITY MATCH
Hong Kong v Shanghai Chinese (Caroline Hill, 4.45 p.m.)
FIRST DIVISION
Club v Royal Engineers (Club, 6.00 p.m.)
Kowloon v Kwong Wah (Boundary St., 5.45 p.m.)
SECOND DIVISION
Club v Royal Engineers (Club, 6.00 p.m.)
Kowloon v Kwong Wah (Boundary St., 4.15 p.m.)
TO-MORROW
FIRST DIVISION
South China v Middlesex (Caroline Hill, 5.30 p.m.)
Police v Eastern (Boundary St., 4.30 p.m.)

K.C.C. TENNIS TOURNAMENT

Entries for the annual tennis tournament at Kowloon Cricket Club close on Thursday, September 25, and the tournament will start on Sunday, October 5.

As the tournament is late in starting this year, it is the intention of those in charge to see that all matches are completed within the required period. All matches not completed within the stipulated time will be reviewed and walk-overs awarded.

The following events will be included in the tournament:—

Men's Singles Championship (Best three out of five sets throughout)

Men's Singles Junior Championship (Best three out of five sets throughout)

Men's Singles Handicap "A" (Best two out of three sets throughout)

Men's Singles Handicap "B" (Best two out of three sets throughout)

Men's Doubles Handicap (Best two out of three sets throughout)

An American tournament will be held on Sunday, September 21, starting at 3 p.m. Members are invited to support this tournament, and those wishing to take part may enter their names on lists to be found in the Bar and ladies' rooms. It is stated that members may invite lady visitors to participate, and tea will be served during the afternoon.

HOWARD'S GREAT RALLY

At Kowloon Bowling Green Club, W. J. Howard beat S. A. Gray by 21-16 at the 22nd head in First Round of the Colony Lawn Bowls Singles Championship.

Gray had a great chance to reach the Second Round. He scored a possible at the 7th to lead 9-4 and at the 13th was 16-6 in the lead, but he failed to add to his score after that. Howard had a two at the 14th, while the 15th was a dead head. Howard then had a run of 1 2 2 3 1 3 to win by six shots. W. J. Howard: 0 2 1 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 2 0 1 2 3 1 3 1 = 21
S. A. Gray: 1 0 0 2 2 0 4 1 0 1 2 0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 = 16

BASKETBALL

Two matches in the Open Basketball League are down for decision at Kowloon Chinese Y.M.C.A. to-night.

Sing Tao should have no difficulty in obtaining both points from V.R.C., but Wah Kiu may extend Black Cats.

S. A. Gray is acting Tennis Convener at Kowloon Cricket Club, following the resignation of A. E. T. Quest.

COBB TAKES RUBBER MATCH

As golfers Ty Cobb and Babe Ruth have proved to be great former baseball players, but the Georgia Peach still had enough of his bunting technique and competitive spirit to take the rubber match of their 1941 series, 3 and 2, on July 30 at Detroit.

Ruth won the first hole, but Cobb

TO-DAY'S BIG BOWLS LEAGUE MATCH IS AT CRAIGENGOWER C. C.

By "Skip"

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME OF MATCHES IN THE LAWN BOWLS LEAGUE IS RATHER RESTRICTED, CONSISTING OF GAMES POSTPONED FROM MAY 24, WITH EXCEPTIONS WHERE THEY HAVE ALREADY BEEN PLAYED BY MUTUAL ARRANGEMENT.

ALTHOUGH I WILL GO THROUGH FIRST DIVISION TO BEGIN WITH, THE MOST IMPORTANT GAME WILL BE IN SECOND DIVISION, IN WHICH CRAIGENGOWER ARE TO ENTERTAIN KOWLOON FOOTBALL CLUB.

In the premier League the new champions will wander over next door to play Police, and, with a strong team out, should be able to win. Kowloon Bowling Green Club "A" look certain to beat Civil Servants at Austin Road and may, thereby, do their "B" team some good should the latter be helping themselves by getting the better of the Indians.

Relegation Problem

This is the second leg of a double-header at Austin Road and some interest should be aroused as the relegation problem may be altered. The home team are a point and a half behind Civil Service with an equal number of matches played, so it will be seen there are possibilities.

Kowloon Dock are at home to Club de Recreio "B", who are also not out of the wood yet, though they have 5½ points lead on Kowloon Bowling Green Club "B", who are occupying the bottom rung of the ladder. I do not think the Portuguese can improve their position.

K.F.C. Favoured

In Second Division interest will centre in the game at the Valley, where Kowloon Football Club are the guests of Craigengower. The latter appear to have little interest in the promotion race, but a win to-day, which I do not anticipate, would open up the head of the League—a little, especially as Kowloon Tong are not engaged.

Taikoo Club look certain for a win at the expense of Kowloon Cricket Club in the only other game in this division.

Police At Chater Rd.

There are also only two games in Third Division, and the winners should be easy to forecast. In the first game Police visit Hong Kong Cricket Club and, in spite of their reverse last week, will, I think, win. They cannot afford to slip.

In the other game Kowloon Football Club must assuredly master Hong Kong Electric, who are at the wrong end of the table.

"CHINA MAIL" CUP MEETING

A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY NEXT, SEPTEMBER 17, AT 6.30 P.M. IN NO. 2 LECTURE ROOM, VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS, TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LAWN BOWLS INTER-UNIT COMPETITION FOR THE "CHINA MAIL" CUP.

"SKIP'S" FORECAST

FIRST DIVISION	
P.R.C. (37) v C.C.C. (85)	
K.B.Q.C.'A' (65) v C.S.C.C. (49)	
K.B.Q.C.'B' (40) v I.R.C. (69)	
K.D.R.C. (81) v Rec. 'B' (40)	
SECOND DIVISION	
Taikoo (76) v K.C.C. (46)	
C.C.C. (45) v K.F.C. (78)	
THIRD DIVISION	
H.K.C.C. (42) v P.R.C. (81)	
K.F.C. (43) v Electric (58)	

Figures in brackets denote the result of the First Round match.

ABBAS HAS OPEN RINK IN LEAGUE

In order that M. R. Abbas' rink in the Colony Lawn Bowls Rinks Championship may get in their final practice for their match against J. Shepherd's four (W. McLeod, W. Harris, W. S. Dall) at C.S.C.C. to-morrow, the Indian R.C. First Division League team has been considerably reshuffled this week.

Abbas will be leading Hoosen, Rumjahn and Dallah to-day as against his four of Suffad, Hassan and Rumjahn last week.

In Dallah's place as skip will be Khan, whose front men will be Suffad, Hassan and Rumjahn. Dallah's four last week comprised Rumjahn, Ismail and Hoosen.

Khan's place as No. 1 in Minu's rink will be taken by Ismail, the remaining positions being unchanged.

The team will be:—

J. Hoosen, A. M. Rumjahn, A. R. Dallah and M. R. Abbas; A. K. Ismail, S. Yusuf, A. H. Rumjahn and A. K. Minu; A. K. Suffad, M. B. Hassan, U. A. Rumjahn and D. M. Khan.

TO-MORROW'S BOWLS

The Annual Government Inter-Departmental lawn bowls competition for the Goscombe O'Sullivan Cup starts to-morrow afternoon at Police Recreation Club, when the following 10 matches are down for decision:

Police "A"	v. E.W.D. "C"
Prisons "B"	v. Medical "C"
Small Units	v. P.W.D. "B"
Medicals "C"	v. Education "B"
Medicals "A"	v. Police "C"
Prisons "C"	v. Police "B"
Education "A"	v. Prisons "A"
Police "B"	v. P.W.D. "A"
Medicals "B"	v. Senior Clerical "A"
Police "D"	v. Post Office

Byes into Second Round: Senior Clerical "B", P.W.D. "E", P.W.D. "D", Harbour Department, Police "E", Treasury and Audit.

TO-DAY'S CRICKET

University open their cricket season to-day with a friendly match against an Army XI at Pokfulam and will be represented by the following:

N. C. Sen Gupta, C. N. Mathews, K. Y. Tam, J. C. Fenton, C. Amplayang, T. C. Lo, A. Ahmed, J. C. Koh, E. H. Lim, S. Mahmood and I. Fletcher.

MASCAVAGE AND PAWLOSKI WERE THE SEASON'S BEST

By "Grandstand"

Well, the Baseball Season is over, and it's time out for the over-worked players and the even more over-worked scribes to take their hard-earned rest. Meanwhile the Hot Stove League, or the talking season, is just about to begin. It's great stuff, this Hot Stove League, you don't have to pay a cent to get in on it, and there is no umpire to make you accept his decisions.

Averages have proven beyond doubt the supremacy of certain players over others in both the batting and fielding departments, but one or two questions still remain to be answered.

"WHO IS THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER IN THE LEAGUE?" NOW, DON'T ALL SHOUT AT ONCE. I HAVE NO HESITATION IN NAMING THE HAMMERING HIND-SNATCHER OF THE MERRY-MAKING MINDANAOS, TONY MASCAVAGE, FOR THE HONOUR, AND I DON'T THINK THERE WILL BE MANY TO DISPUTE MY CHOICE.

It is interesting to note that competent commentators have unanimously selected the mighty mace who embroidered batting history for the job behind the batter in a mythical all-star line-up—the real deciding factor being his might with the stick, when he had rival outfielders with their backs against the fence everytime he went to bat.

Moving into the pitching department, we come into a bit of difficulty in picking the stand-out hurler of the year. The choice narrows down to Wally "Dimples" Ching and Lou Pawloski.

Brilliant Comeback

The Potent Polack showed signs of cracking up in the middle of a torrid flag chase, but recovered towards the end of a waning season to stage a comeback in a blaze of glory, chucking two victories in as many days, a feat of pitching endurance which has been unequalled in these sunny shores, especially when considering that one of the tussles went into 11 frames.

There have been one-hit and two-hit twirling performances, but no one mound performance stands out so singularly as Wally Ching's regulation no-hitter, which is even more shining in its brilliancy as Ching had only a tottering South China squad behind him.

That was before his transfer to Chung Hwa.

His 12 strike-outs for that nine inning scuffle constitutes the high in whiffs for one tilt this season, but Pawloski's amazing feat on that sunny afternoon of July 21 last year, when he fanned 16 of the 21 batters to face him in a "no-hit, no-run" seven inning tussle, bears no equal, and will probably stand as an all-time high.

IN VIEW OF PAWLOSKI'S CONSISTENCY ON THE HILL, WE GIVE HIM THE NOD FOR THE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE SEASON'S MOUNDSMAN.

Mindanao Strength

The consensus at the beginning of the season was that it would be a two-way fight between Mindanao and Hong Kong Brewers for the pennant, but, with the much discussed H.B. walkout half-way through the season, any doubts as to the ultimate champions were soon dispersed.

MRS. COOKE BEATEN

At East Hampton, scene of the American women's invitation tournament, on August 1, the wreckage included Mrs. Sarah Palfrey Cooke's winning streak of six tournaments and Virginia Wollenden's hopes of improving on a mediocre season. The respective wreckers were Louise Brough, 18, of Los Angeles, 6-2, 6-4, and Hope Knowles of Philadelphia, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1. Mrs. Cooke later won the National title after 10 years effort.

The reason why the Champions are "champs" will be seen in the aggregate batting figures, which reveal that the mighty mace from Mindanao connected safely for an average of .325 for the season, 14 batting points above the Brewers, who were second best with five games. But what strikes me as most surprising is that the aggregate sticking figures of the Chung Hwa Maroons, who finished second in the race with a games won and lost percentage of .667, only averaged .196, whilst the Mohawks, finishing in the second division, batted .258.

Maroons Have Laugh

Under the able coaching of "Grandpa" Leung, the Maroons had a successful season, and the laugh's on me for doping them to finish in the lower bracket. Just for the fun of it, I referred to the predictions of other critics to find out how they fared. It was nice comparing the forecasts—it's always nice to find out that the other guys in the press box didn't know a thing either.

The unanimous guess for the recipient of the wooden spoon came out 100 per cent. correct, and although South China improved towards the end of the season, their initial defeat at the hands of the Sappers spelled doom for the Caroliners.

HOCKEY UMPIRES HOLD MEETING

Mr. T. A. Tyas was elected chairman of Hong Kong Hockey Umpires' Association at the annual meeting held at St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday, at which Captain A. C. Martin, R.E., presided, and others present were Sgt. J. Gorman, Cpl. J. Tomlinson, S/S G. P. Shorthouse, and Sgt. E. Lander.

Election of officers resulted as follows:—T. A. Tyas (Chairman), Cpl. W. Hodge (Hon. Treasurer and Secretary), Committee: Sgt. W. Wathan, Sgt. E. Fishlock, Bdr. Vasco.

Captain Martin was nominated as the Army representative. Naval and Civilian representatives will be nominated at the next meeting, to be held in October.

A complaint was brought up regarding unfairness to umpires on the part of various clubs during the last hockey season, when umpires, on arriving at the scheduled grounds of play, found that the matches had been postponed without their knowledge.

A letter of complaint to Hong Kong University regarding this matter was read.

The next meeting will be held on October 31.

FEATHERWEIGHT CHAMPION

A new world featherweight boxing champion, as recognised by the New York and Maryland authorities, came into being when Chalky Wright, Los Angeles negro, knocked out Joey Archibald in the eleventh round of a fifteen-round fight on Thursday night. The National Boxing Association regards Ritchie Lemos, Mexican, as champion as he beat Pete Scalzo in July.

It appears to need a meeting now between Lemos and Wright to determine who is the undisputed champion.—Reuter.

Football's aftermath—chiefly a legacy of losses. Bury lost £447 last season. Tottenham may show a deficit of about £1,400.



Tony Mascavage, left, declared to be the most valuable player in the 1941 Baseball League, and Pawloski, right, nominated the best pitcher for 1941. Both are from U.S.S. Mindanao.



CRAIG WOOD BECOMES UNOFFICIAL WORLD CHAMPION

On August 4 Craig Wood reigned over the world of golf as a climax to one of the greatest comebacks in the history of the game, writes an American correspondent.

WINNER OF THE NATIONAL OPEN AND MASTERS' TOURNAMENTS BUT ELIMINATED IN THE P. G. A. CLASSIC AS HE SOUGHT TO WIN A "TRIPLE," THE BLOND VETERAN TOOK THE SHORTEST DETOUR TO HIS GOAL.

Shooting nine under par, he walloped Vic Ghezzi, the pro, king, in a special 72-hole match for the unofficial world championship. Besides the mythical title, the 5-and-4 victory gave Wood \$2,500.

ELECTRIC COY. PRESENTATION

Members of Hong Kong Electric Recreation Club bade farewell to Mr. Jack McKenna, of the Company's Consumers Accounts Department, and Mrs. McKenna at a ceremony at the Clubhouse, Ming Yuen, last evening, when Mr. McKenna was presented with a wrist-let watch and Mrs. McKenna with a vanity bag. The presentation was made on behalf of the members by Mr. F. F. Duckworth, Chairman of the Club's Committee.

A feature of the farewell function yesterday was a lawn bowls match between the European Staff and the Local Staff of the Company, which the latter won 50-37. S. M. Rumliah, W. H. Sousa, S. Yusuf, M. A. Adal (Local Staff) beat A. G. Everett, W. E. Baker, E. L. Groome, R. C. Butler 23-10.

U. A. Rumliah, M. B. Hussain, A. K. Minu, M. I. Razack lost to R. W. Smith, W. Stonehouse, A. F. Paul, J. F. Lunny 16-23.

C. Marquez, E. A. R. Bux, A. R. Minu, C. G. Silva lost to K. Crawford, K. F. Gregory, J. K. Sloan, A. G. Gardner 20-24.

SOUTH CHINA'S BASKETBALL SUCCESS

Two Open League Basketball matches were played at Chinese Y.M.C.A. last night when National University beat Ping Ching 63-39, and South China beat Indian Police 42-31.

	P.	W.	L.	Pts.
Chinese Y.M.C.A.	6	0	0	12
South China	6	6	0	12
National University	6	5	1	10
Sing Tao	5	4	1	8
Wah Kiu	5	4	1	8
Black Cats	5	3	2	6
Indian Police	5	2	3	4
Youths	5	2	3	4
Residents' Union	5	2	3	4
Bank Union	5	1	4	2
Yu Leung	5	1	4	2
Ping Ching	5	1	4	2
V.R.C.	5	0	5	0
Trojans	5	0	5	0

One Hit Wins

Oldtime baseball player Clyde Atteberry tells the story of a game that was won with a single batted ball.

"The first man who came up to the plate in the game between Glen and Clarendon in 1904 smacked the ball out into a meadow flat," Atteberry said.

"It rolled down a prairie dog hole. The umpire yelled 'play ball' but we couldn't play. It was the only baseball in 40 miles."

"Giles won by a home run."

CARDINALS AND WILDCATS TO CLASH

By "Grandstand"

The glamour-gorgeous Cardinals tangle with Wildcats in their first pre-season Softball tilt tomorrow at Kowloon Football Club at 10.30 a.m., whilst arrangements have been made for Eddie Marques' Merry Madcaps to meet a team from U.S.S. Mindanao immediately afterwards.

Manager Bill Ogden's Redbirds have been training hard for the past month and will be making a strong bid for the pennant this season.

Coach "Romeo" Hamet has signified his intention of starting hurler Edde Babbida on the mound with Marie Roza behind the bat. The inner quartette will be selected from Alice Tsang, Kitty Bush, Guilomar da Motta, Betty Clarke, Betty Fitzgerald and Gladys Hutchinson, whilst Naty, Dolly Brown, Marie Figurelido, Pat Jorge and Linda Fernandez will each have a turn at patrolling the pastures.

Championship Nine

The Wildcats will have the same line-up as their pennant-winning nine of last year, with Thelma Collaco and Cynthia da Motta forming their battery.

The Madcaps face their first real test to-morrow when they come across Mindanao, mace-maulers of Baseball fame. The Marquesmen have so far come through with flying colours in chalking up five victories in a row, and it will indeed be a feather in mentor Eddie Marques' mad-cap if they triumph over the sailors. Either Carl Silva-Netto or Americo Lopes will start for the Madcaps.

DID YOU KNOW?

If it were not for the tremendous power in the batter's box, Jimmy Foxx could earn a big league salary pitching. He has a good sinker ball and better control than many hurlers.

Mrs. Julius Page, champion of 1937, Mrs. Betty Hicks Newell, semi-finalist in 1939, Mrs. Goldthwaite and Helen Sigel are semi-finalists in the American Women's Golf Championship, now being played at Brooklines, Massachusetts.—Reuter.

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RUSSIAN AID THROUGH IRAN

Great Difficulties To Be Overcome

Three Principal Routes

(By Reuter's Special Correspondent)

WITH IRAN'S OILWELLS now safely under British control and with British and Russian forces occupying strategic points on her communications, as well as blocking the path eastwards through the Caucasus, the British and Russian Governments are now intensively studying the problem of sending war materials to Russia through Iran.

With only one railway and very few roads traversing the country, which is three times the size of France, great difficulties have to be overcome.

The three principal usable routes are the railway from the Persian Gulf to the Caspian, a distance of nearly 1,000 miles, the road leading from railhead at Nakhundi through Meshes, in eastern Persia, to the Russian railway which skirts Persia's north-eastern frontier, also some 1,000 miles long, and the road from Baghdad to Teheran.

Since the railway running from Teheran across the Alborz Moun-

tains to the Caspian is likely to be partially snowed up within a month or two, it is at present thought likely that material brought by rail to Teheran from the Persian Gulf will be despatched by lorry to the Caspian ports whence it will be shipped to Baku.

Food Shortage

Among difficulties to be coped with are the Persian railways' shortage of rolling stock and the problem of clearing snow from mountain roads during three or four months.

Meanwhile bread queues took up positions yesterday morning as Teheran's food shortage, caused by the events of the last two weeks, suddenly made itself keenly evident.

Meat was almost unobtainable and there is a grave shortage of many other important foodstuffs.

Principal causes are the commandeering of lorries by the Persian army and the stoppage of road and railway traffic which, however, has now partially resumed.—Reuter.

AMERICAN CONVOYS POSSIBLE

First unofficial Washington reactions to President Roosevelt's radio speech regard his momentous announcements as tantamount to a virtual order to shoot on sight any German man-of-war in the Atlantic, the Pacific and other oceans and to protect ships of all nations vital to American defence.

Although President Roosevelt did not mention convoys, it is believed that the system will be unofficially enforced for the protection of ships operating to Greenland which will relieve British warships two-thirds of the distance to the British Isles.

In essence, the message is interpreted as heralding a shooting war without declaring it. Considerable surprise, however, has been aroused by President Roosevelt's silence regarding the Neutrality Act and the Far Eastern situation but it is generally regarded that he is obviously concerned only with the sinking of American ships by German raiders.—Central News.

STOP PRESS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
AN EXCHANGE TELEGRAPH DESPATCH RECEIVED IN LONDON LAST NIGHT FROM STOCKHOLM SAYS THE NAZIS HAVE FOUGHT THEIR WAY INTO THE WESTERN OUTSKIRTS OF LENINGRAD AND STREET BATTLES ARE OCCURRING IN THE SUBURBS.—INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE.

EARTHQUAKE DISASTER IN TURKEY

More than 500 lost their lives in the town of Agri alone in an earthquake on Thursday which convulsed a large area of eastern Turkey, says an Ankara despatch to the Vichy news agency.

The disaster, which is described as more serious than at first thought, covered an area of about 250 miles in diameter. The complete death roll is not yet available.—Reuter.

BLENHEIMS ON RAMPAGE

BLENHEIM AIRCRAFT OF THE COASTAL COMMAND, ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS, EARLY YESTERDAY AFTERNOON ATTACKED AN ENEMY CONVOY OFF THE DUTCH COAST, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE.

One of the larger ships was hit and set on fire and left with a heavy list to port.

Fighter Command aircraft in the afternoon carried out offensive operations over the North

Sea and the coast of Holland.

One enemy fighter was destroyed in the course of these operations. One British fighter is missing.—Reuter.

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NAZI WOMAN SPY IN U.S. TRIAL

(Continued from Page 1)
Another message demands, "How many Allison motors made in series in Indianapolis have been delivered up to now and to where?"

One message from Long Island to Hamburg said, "Siegler says if none comes off the ship Duarte should try to come in a small boat as a pedlar to the port side midship, to the porthole from which appears a radio aerial between 5 and 8 p.m."—Reuter.

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